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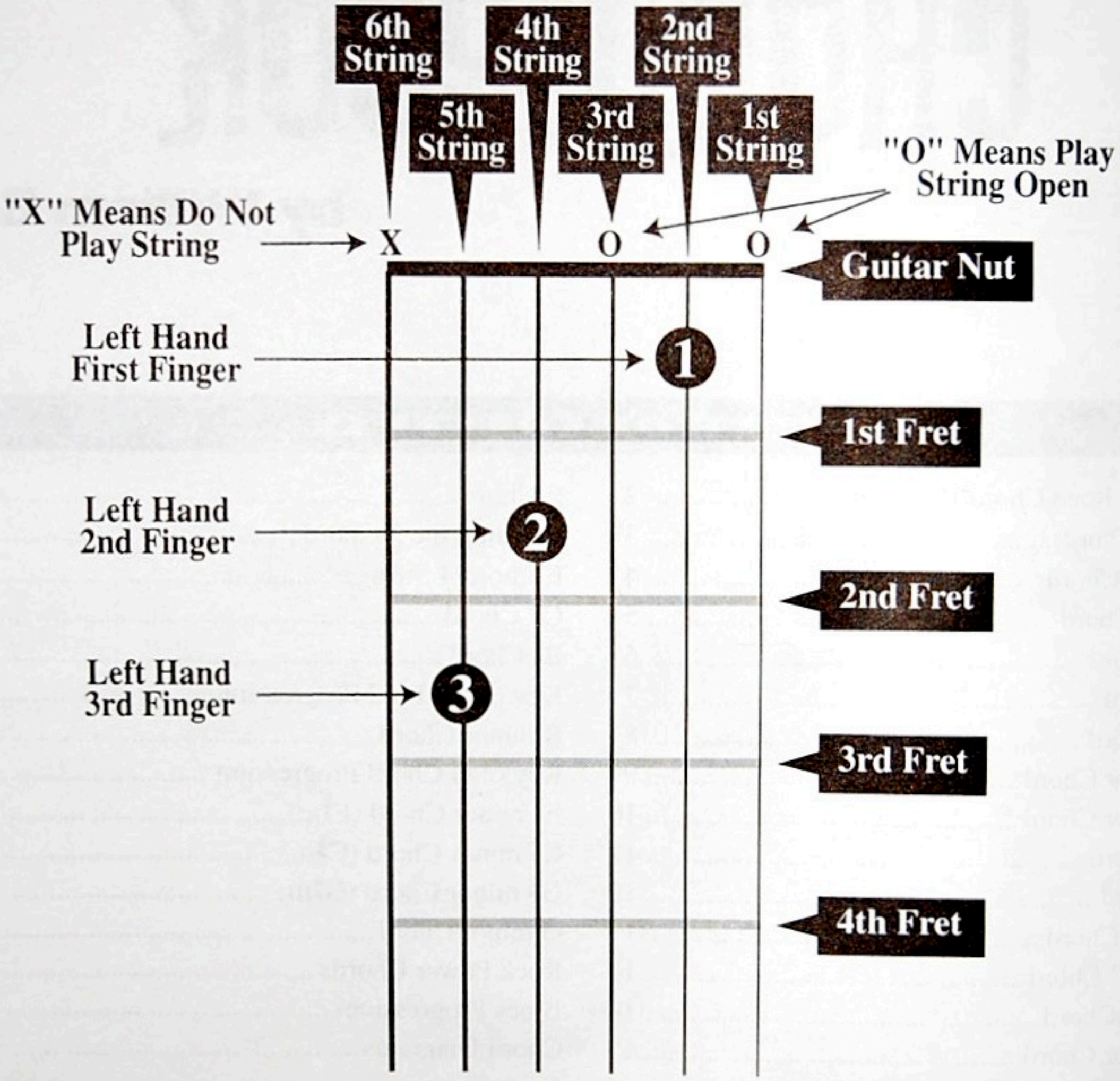
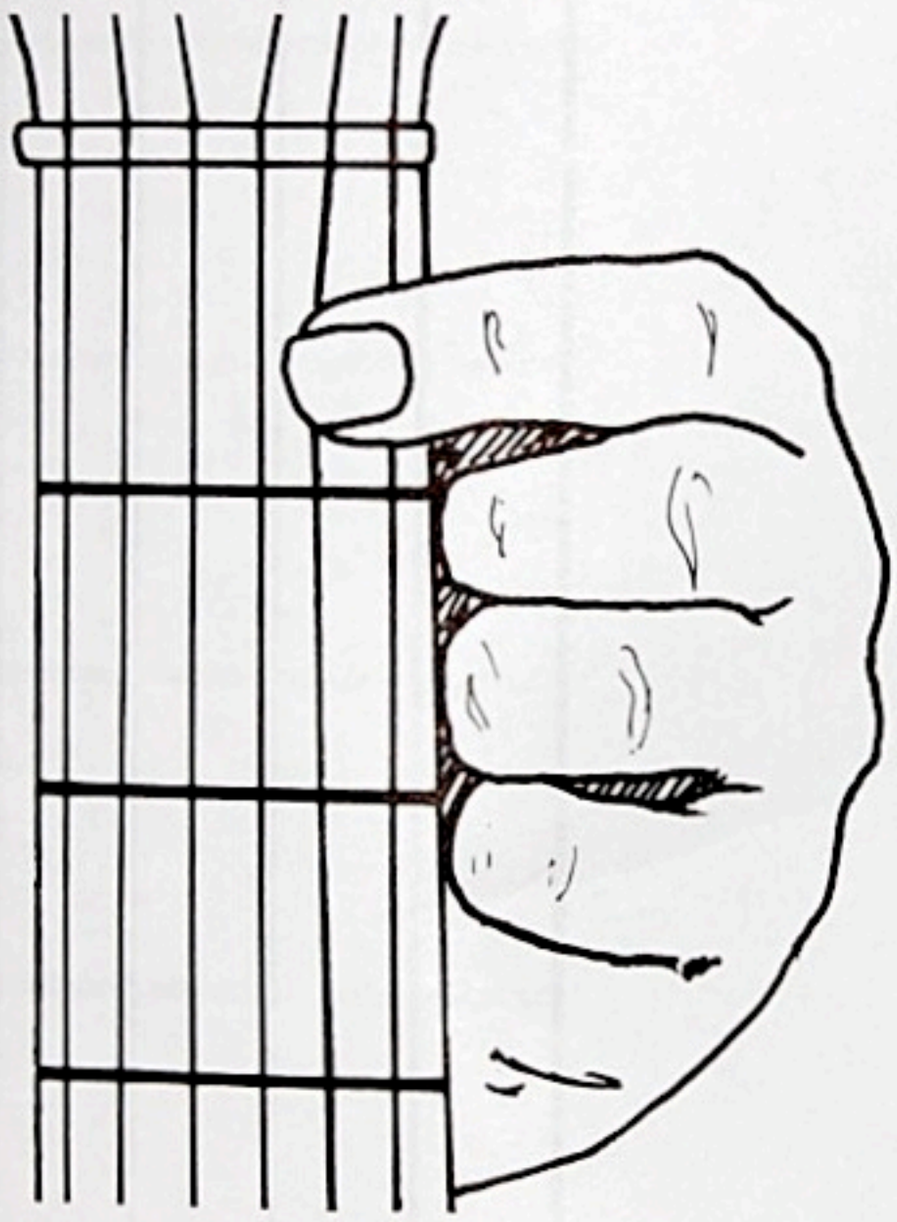
How to Read Chord Diagrams



- Vertical lines are strings
- Horizontal lines are frets
- Circled numbers are left-hand fingers
- Small "o" over a string means to play the string open (no fingers pressing down)
- "x" over a string means not to play that string

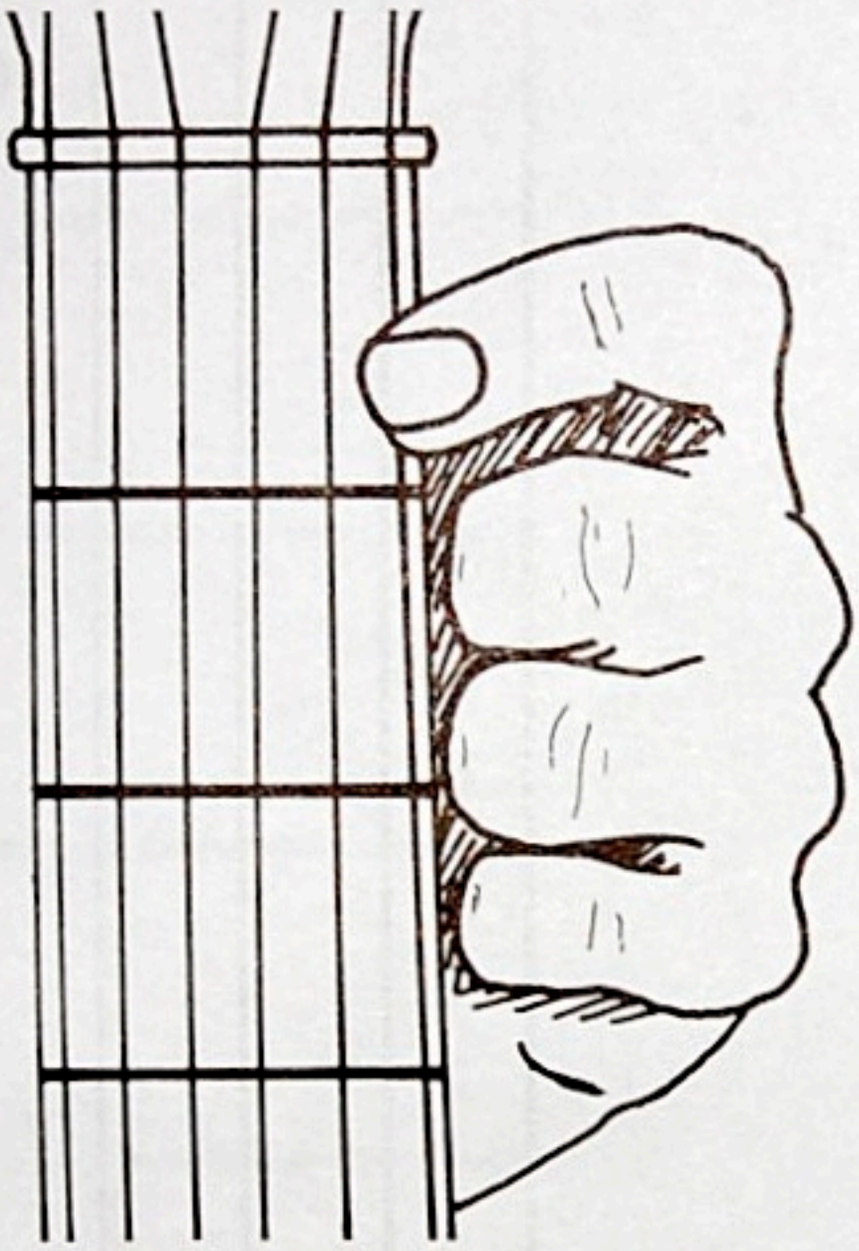
EZ C Chord

Play only top 3 strings



EZ G7 Chord

Play only top 4 strings



X X O O O

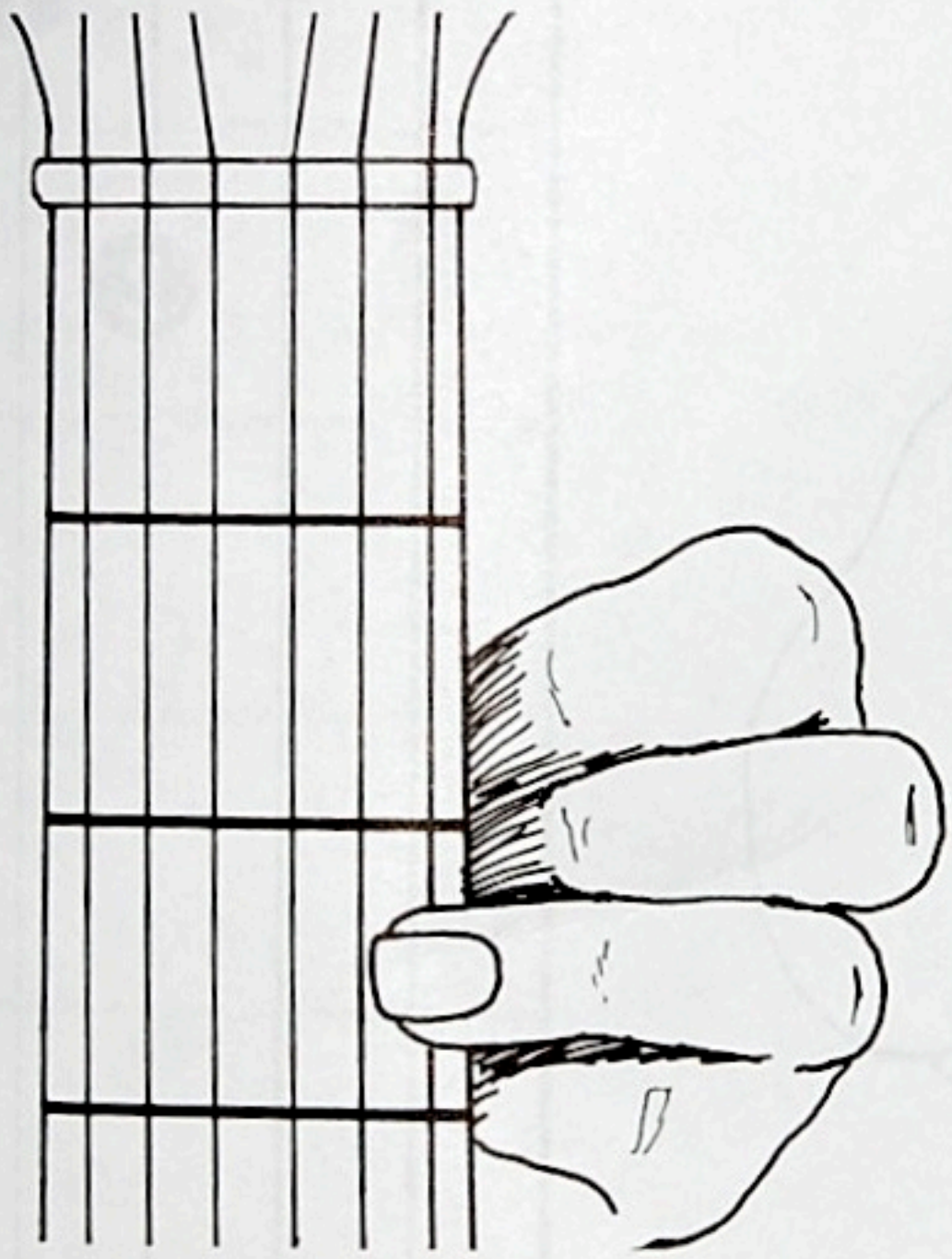
Strum mark (/) means to strum the chord. Strum down from the lowest or fattest strings to the highest or thin strings.

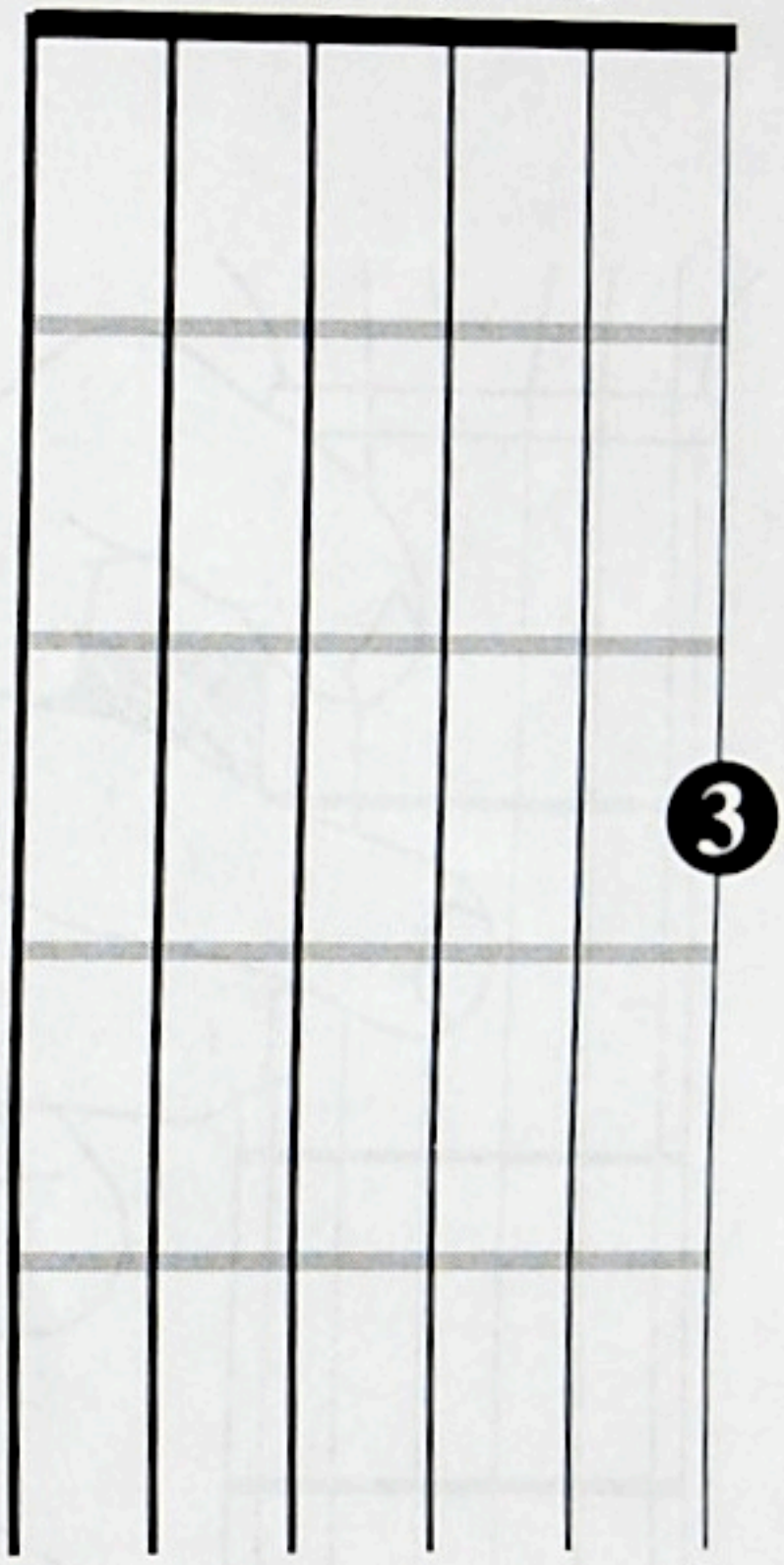
Play

C	G7	C
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /

EZ G Chord

Play only top 4 strings





Play

C **G** **G7** **C**

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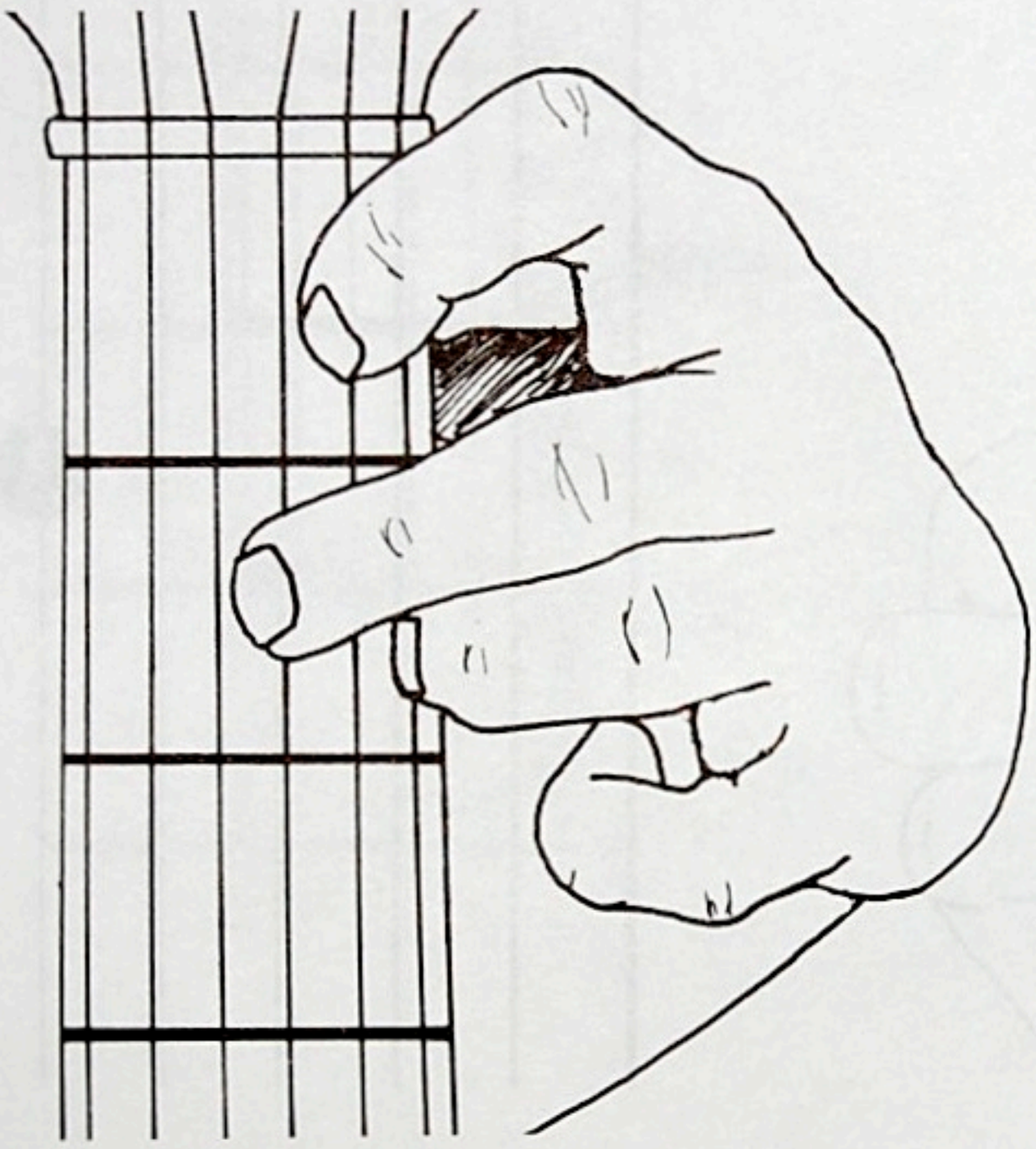
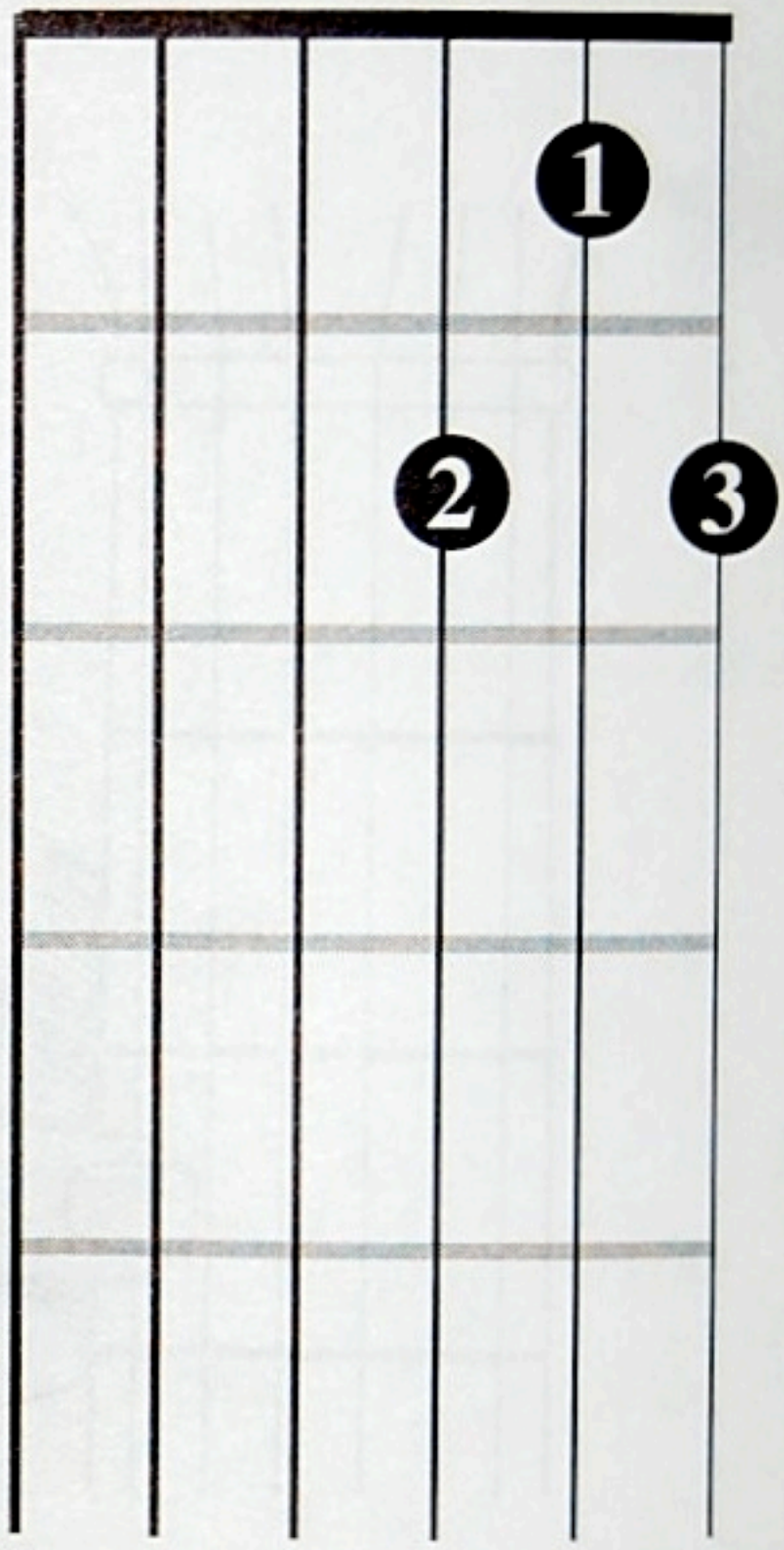
D7 Chord

Play the top 4 strings



X X O O O

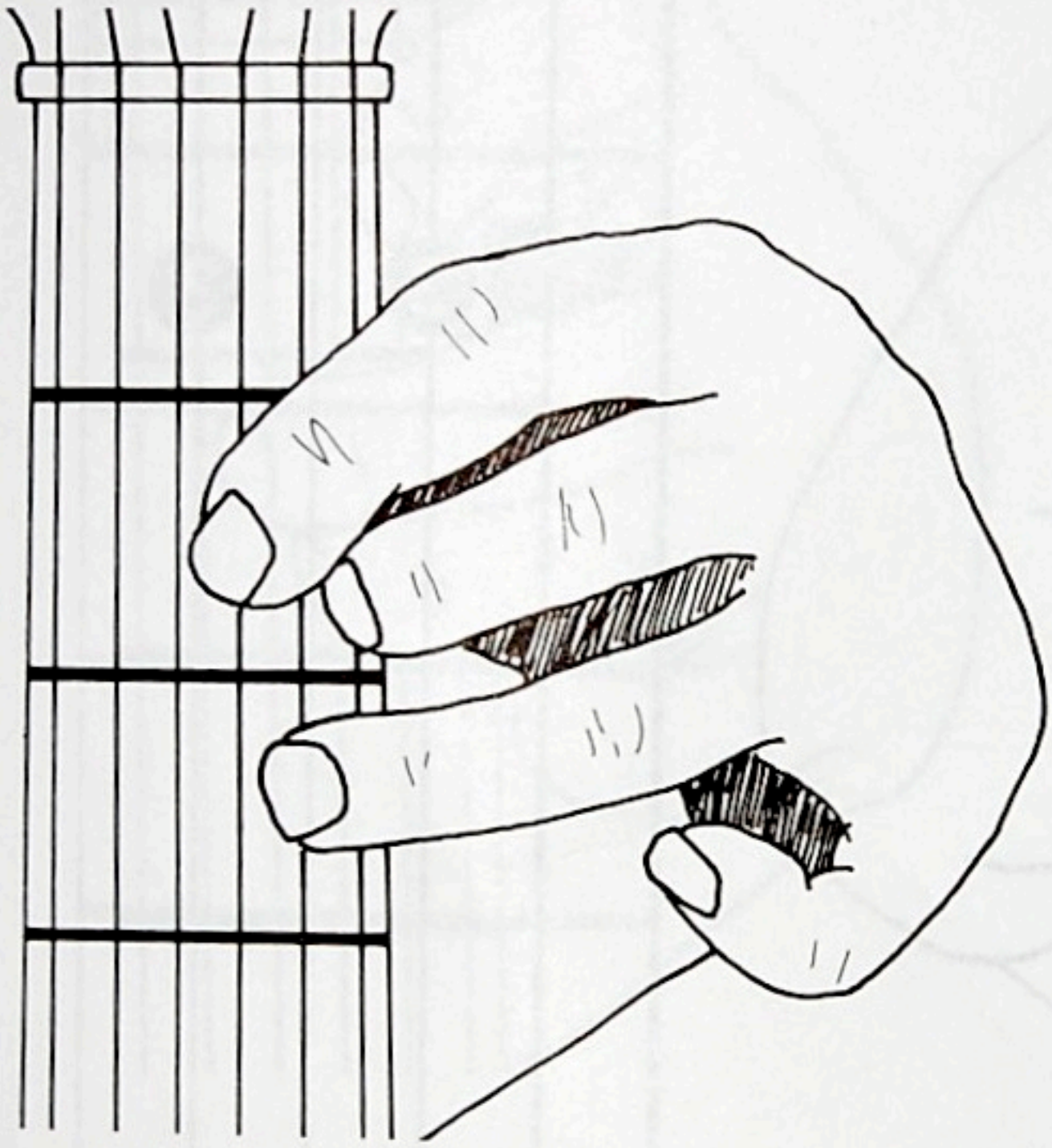


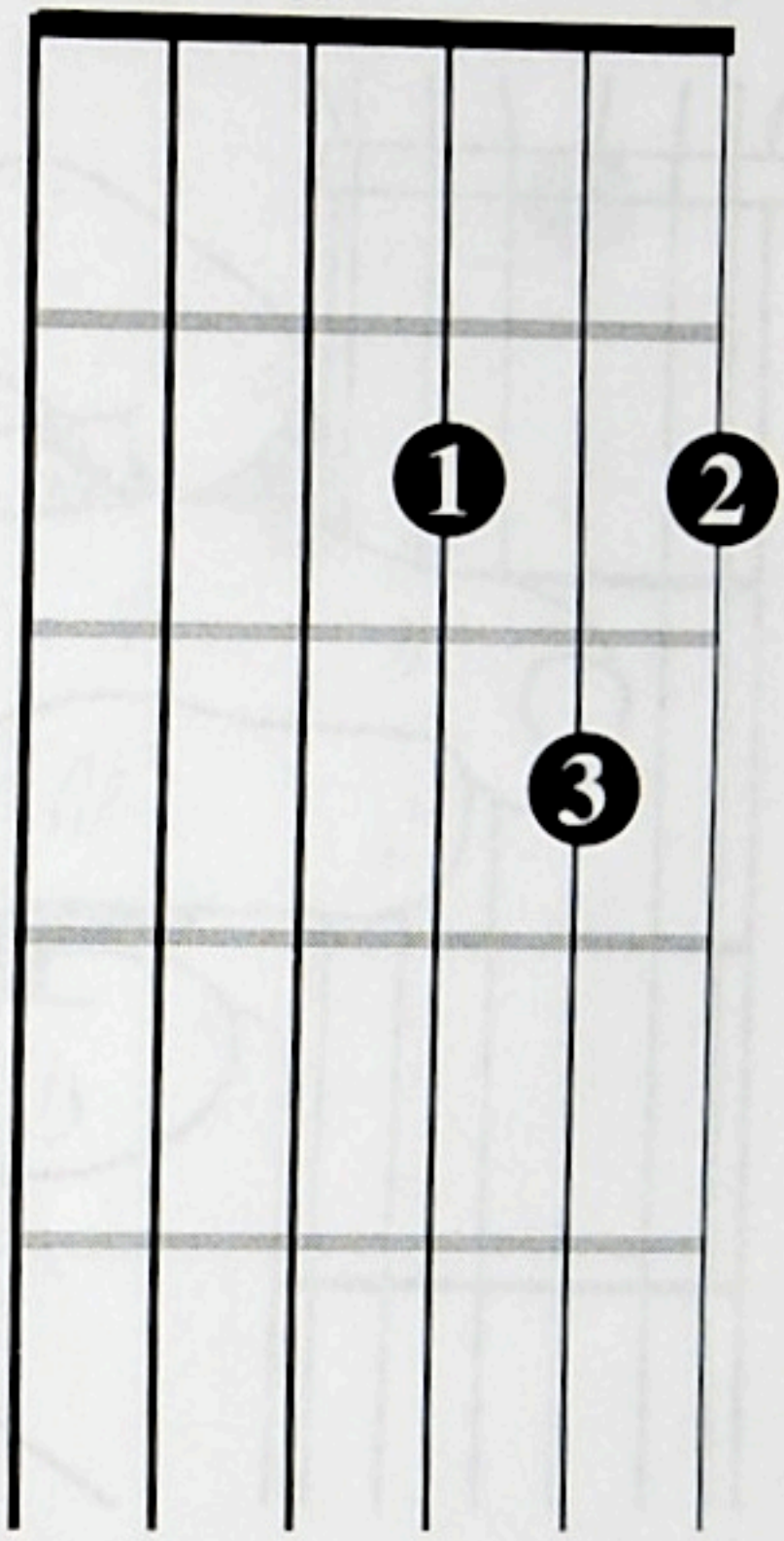
Play

C	D7	G	G7	C
𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍 𝄎

D Chord

Play the top 4 strings



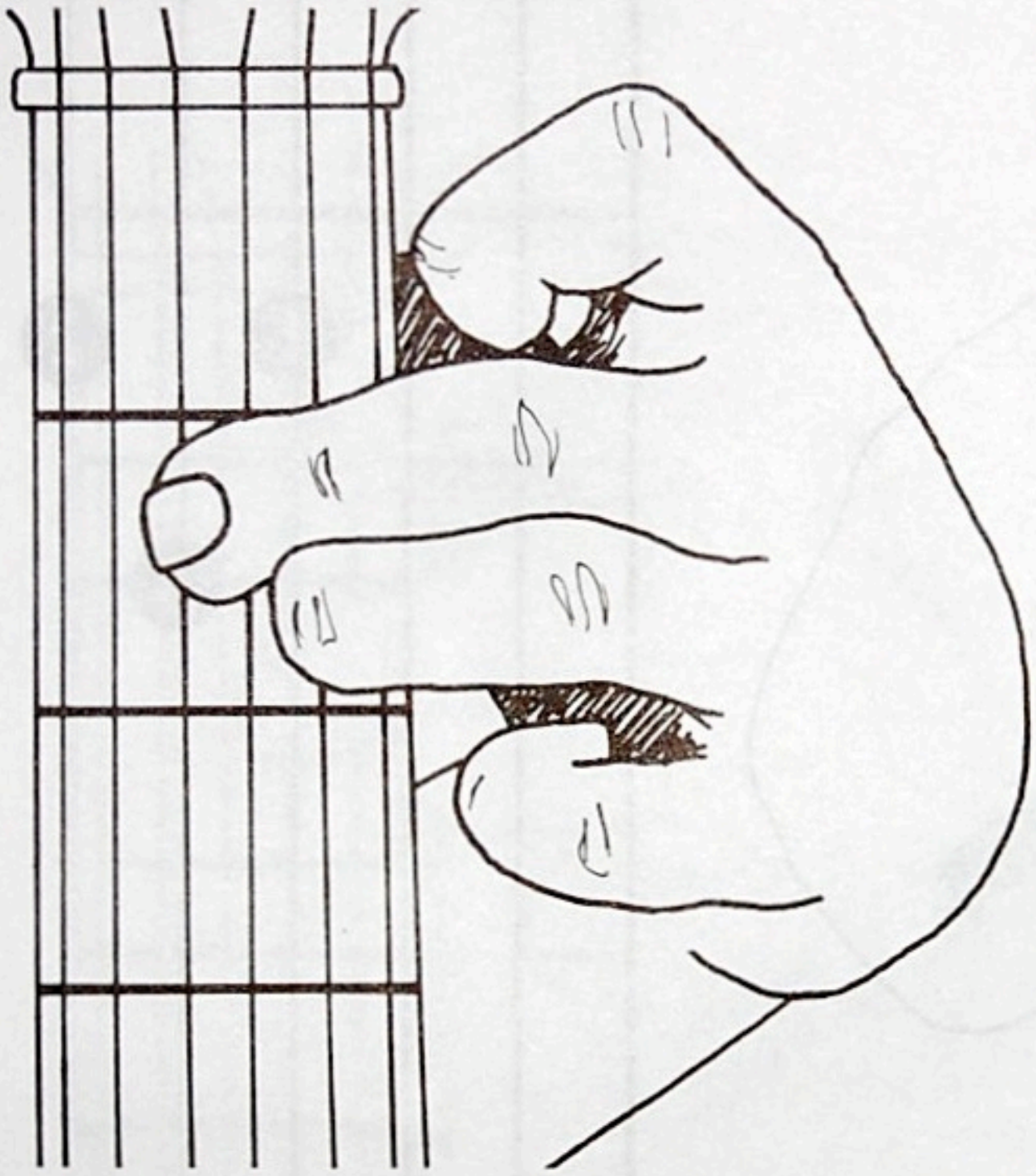


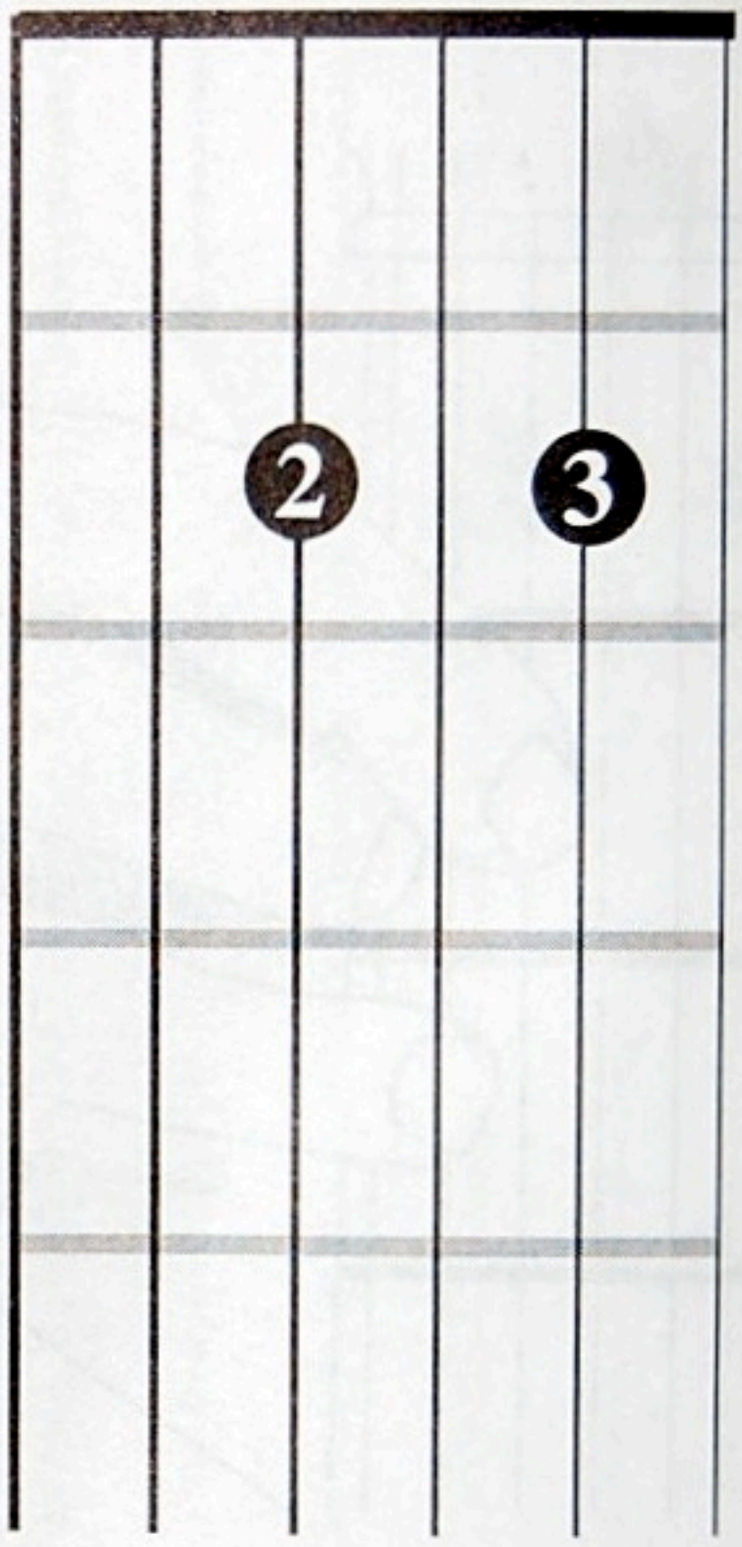
Play

C	D	D7	G	G7	C
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /

A7 Chord

Play the top 5 strings



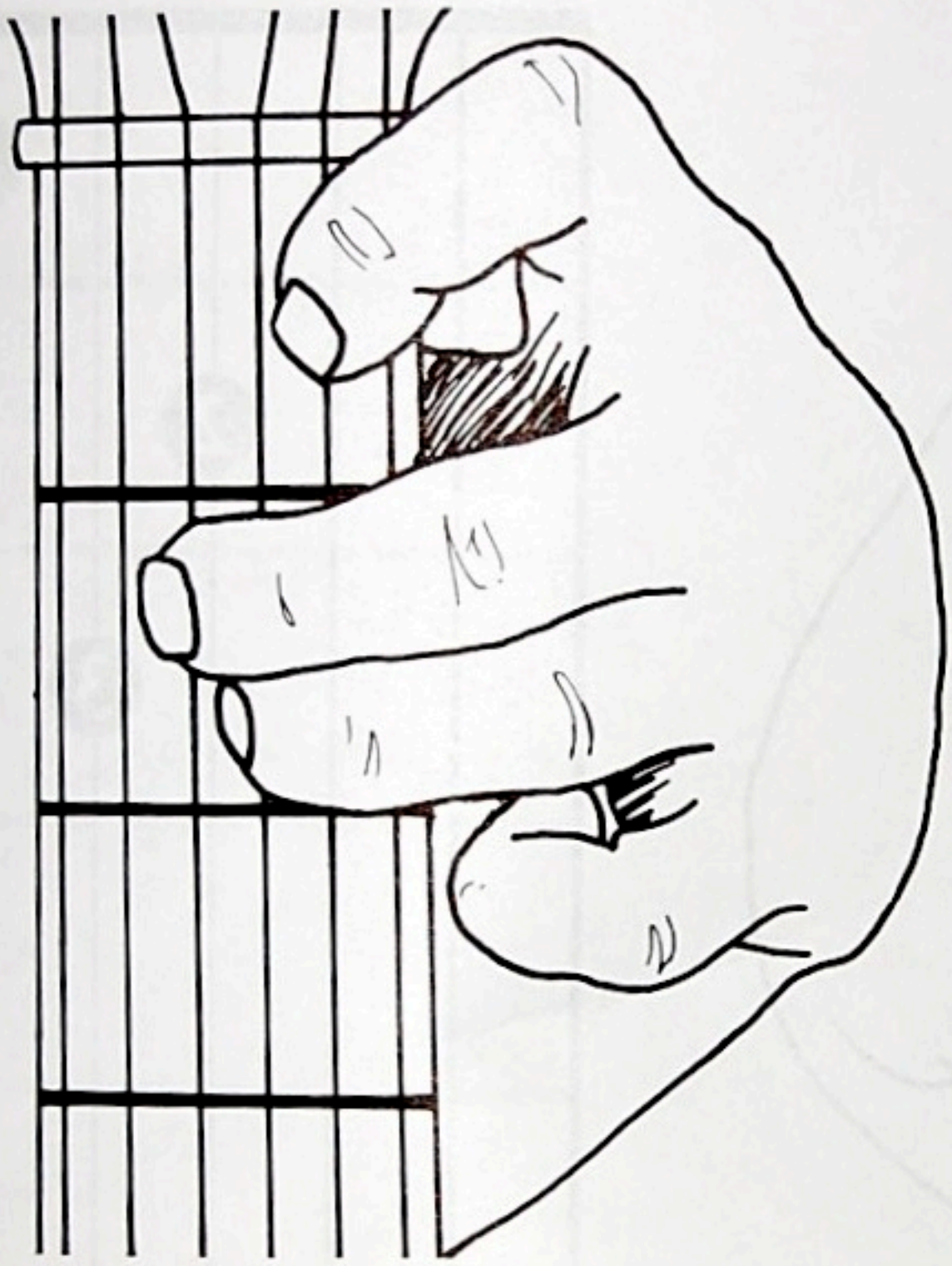


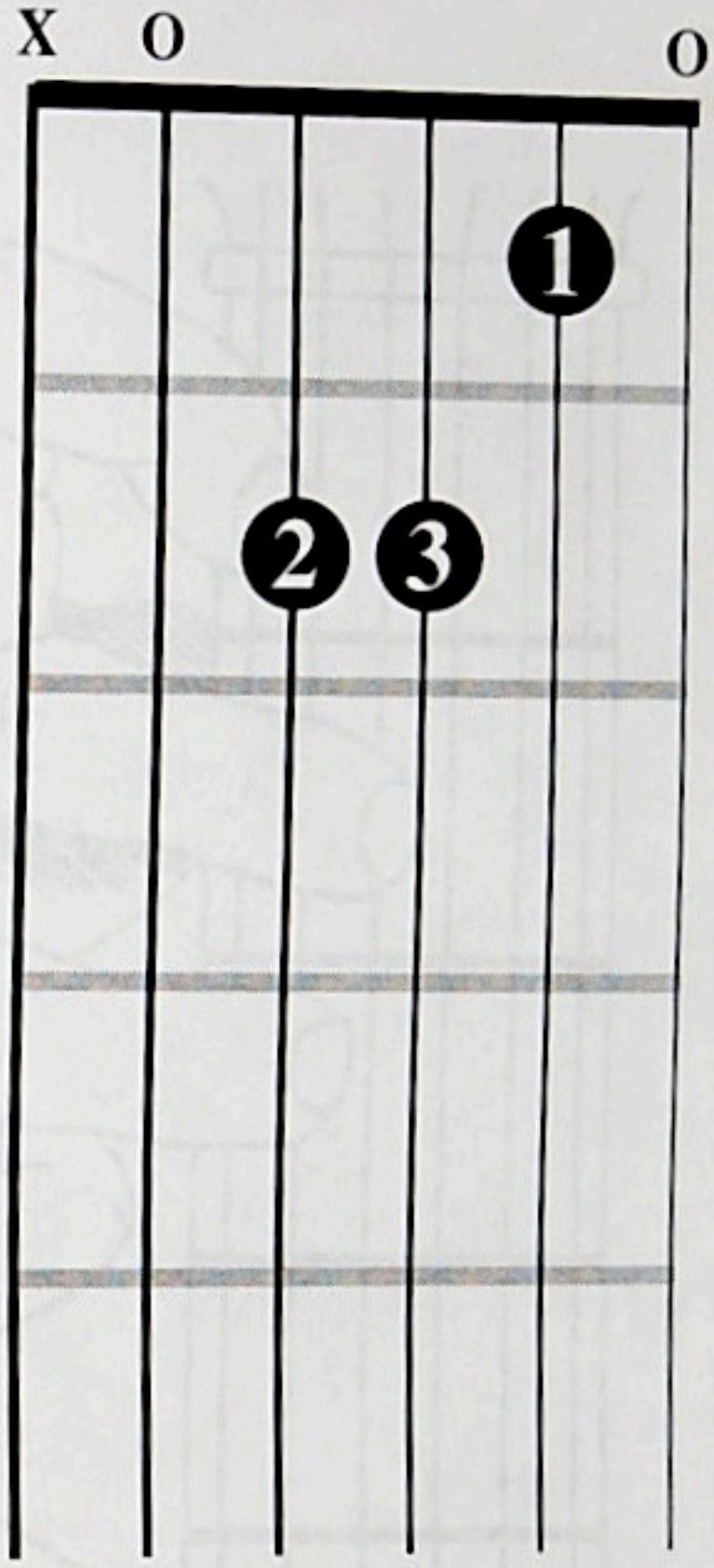
Play

C	A7	D	D7
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /

G	G7	C
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / / ‖

A minor Chord
(Am)



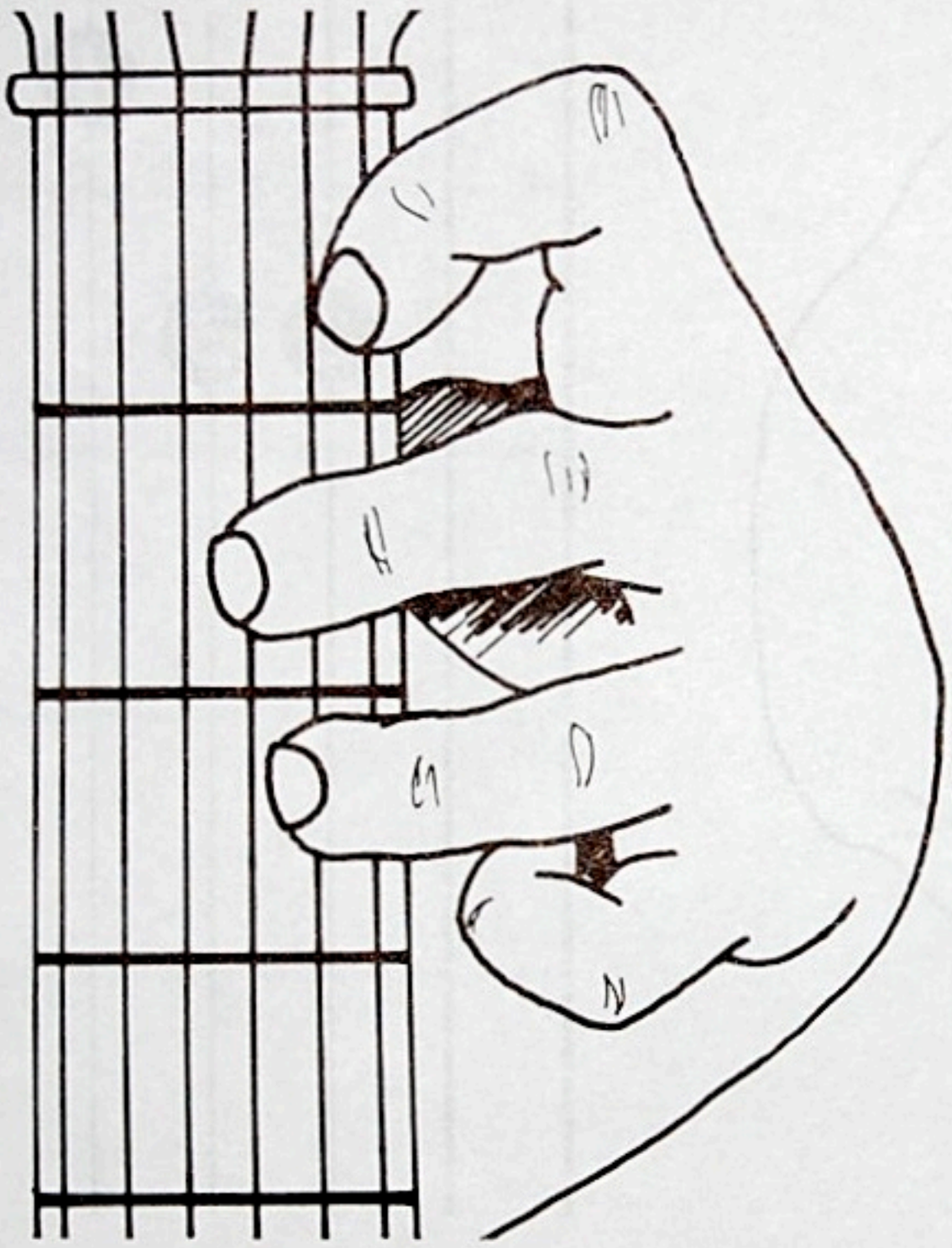


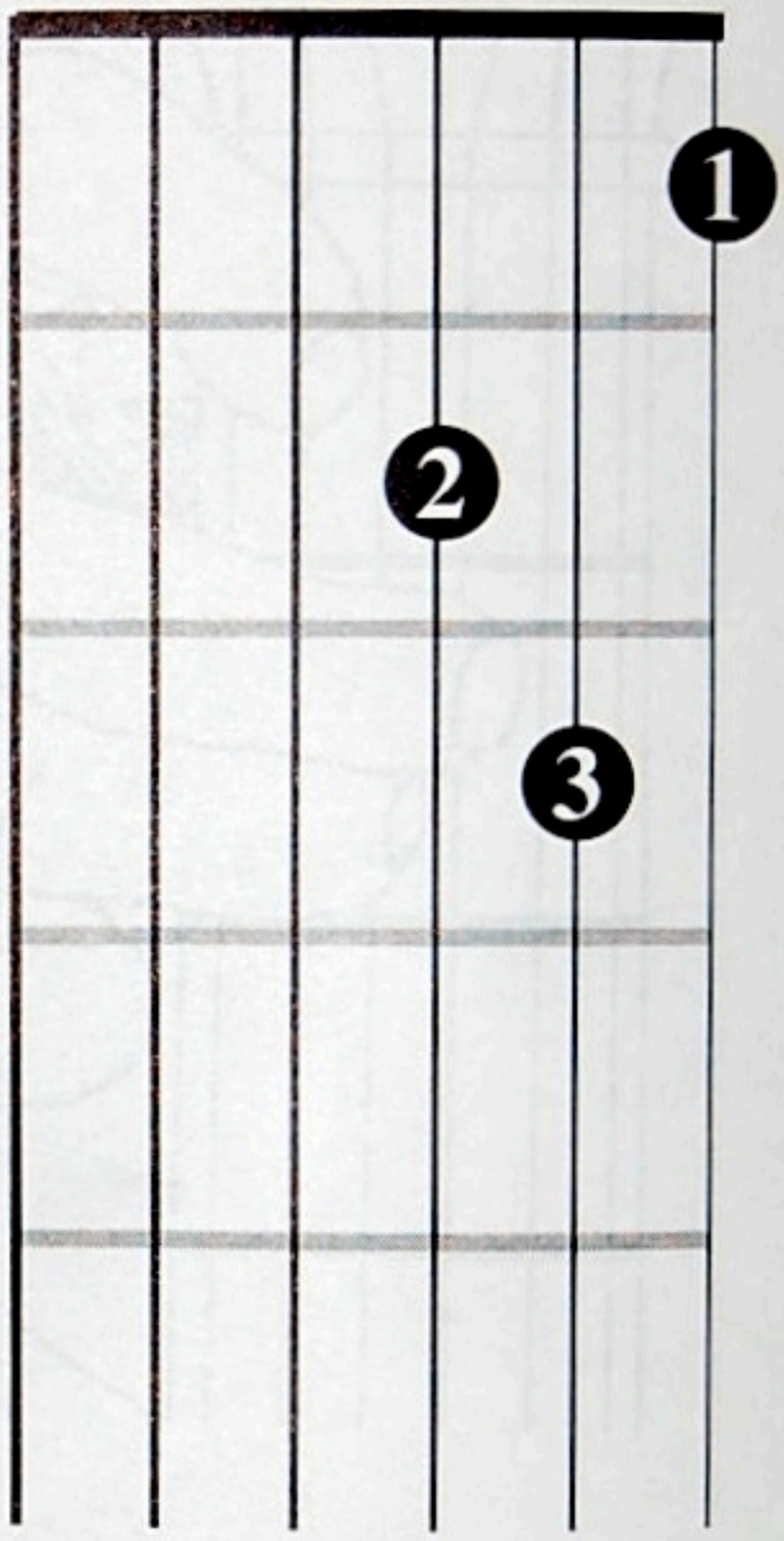
Play

C	Am	D	A7
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /

D7	G	G7	C
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / / ‖

D minor Chord
(Dm)





Play

C	Am	Dm	A7	D
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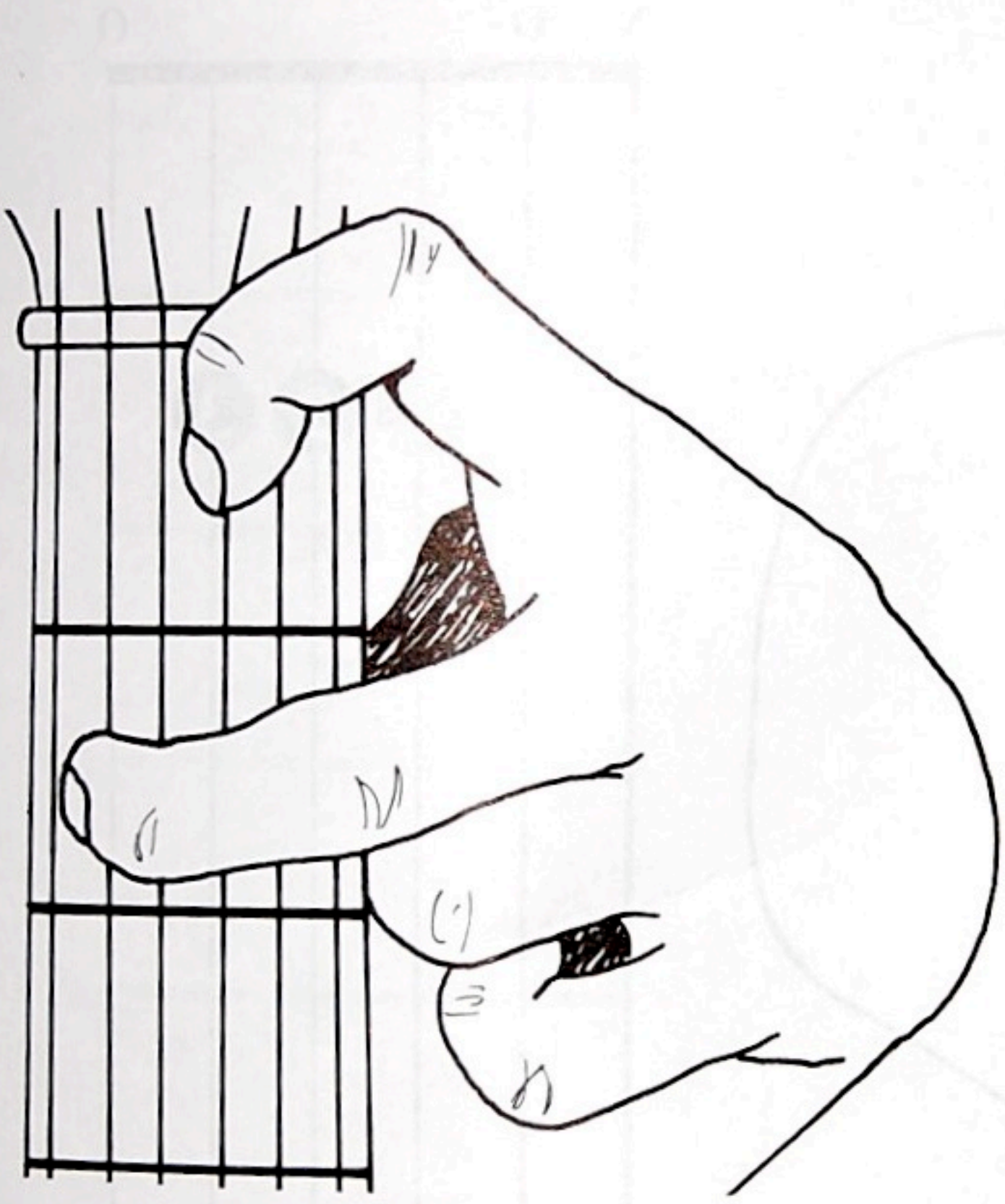
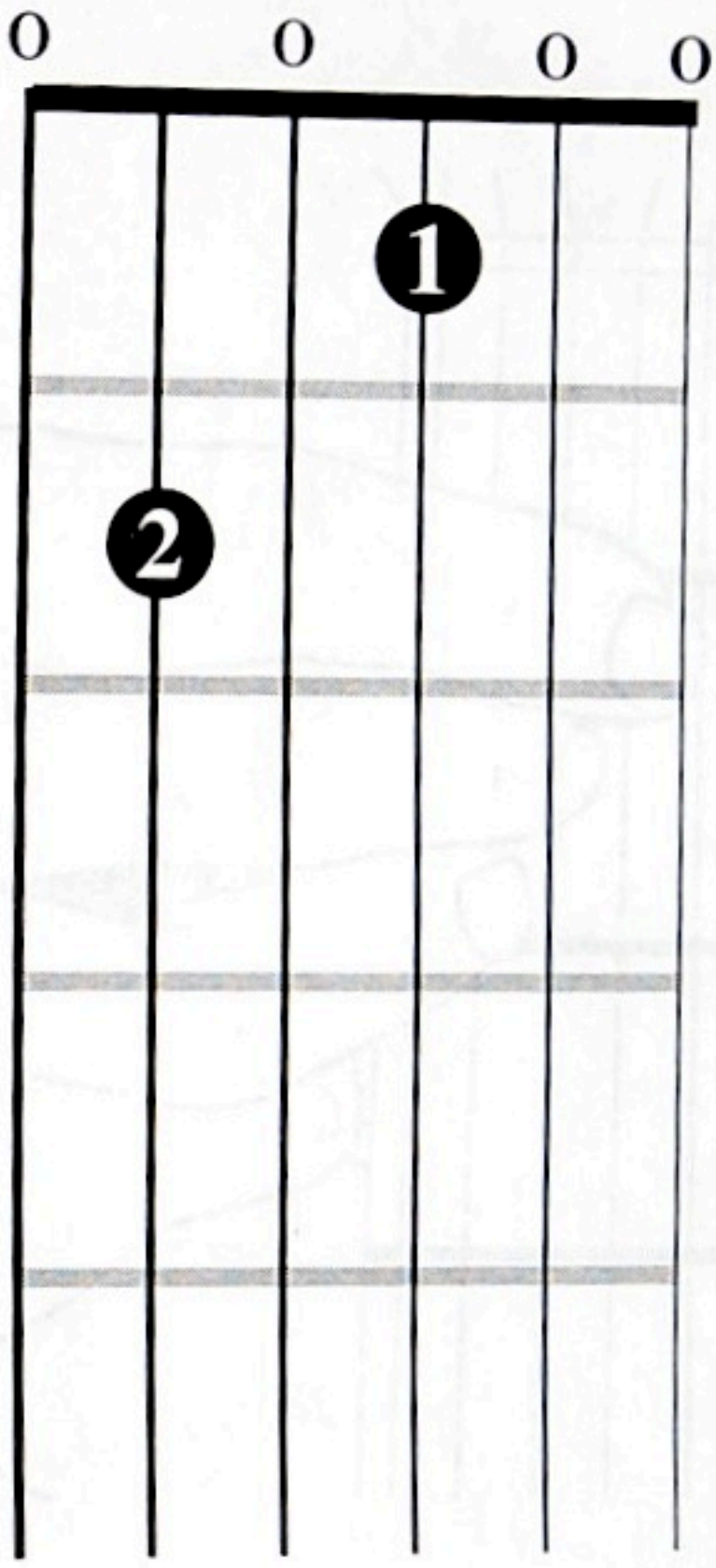
D7	G	G7	C
𝄎 𝄎 𝄎 𝄎	𝄎 𝄎 𝄎 𝄎	𝄎 𝄎 𝄎 𝄎	𝄎 𝄎 𝄎 𝄎 ‖

E7 Chord

Play all 6 strings



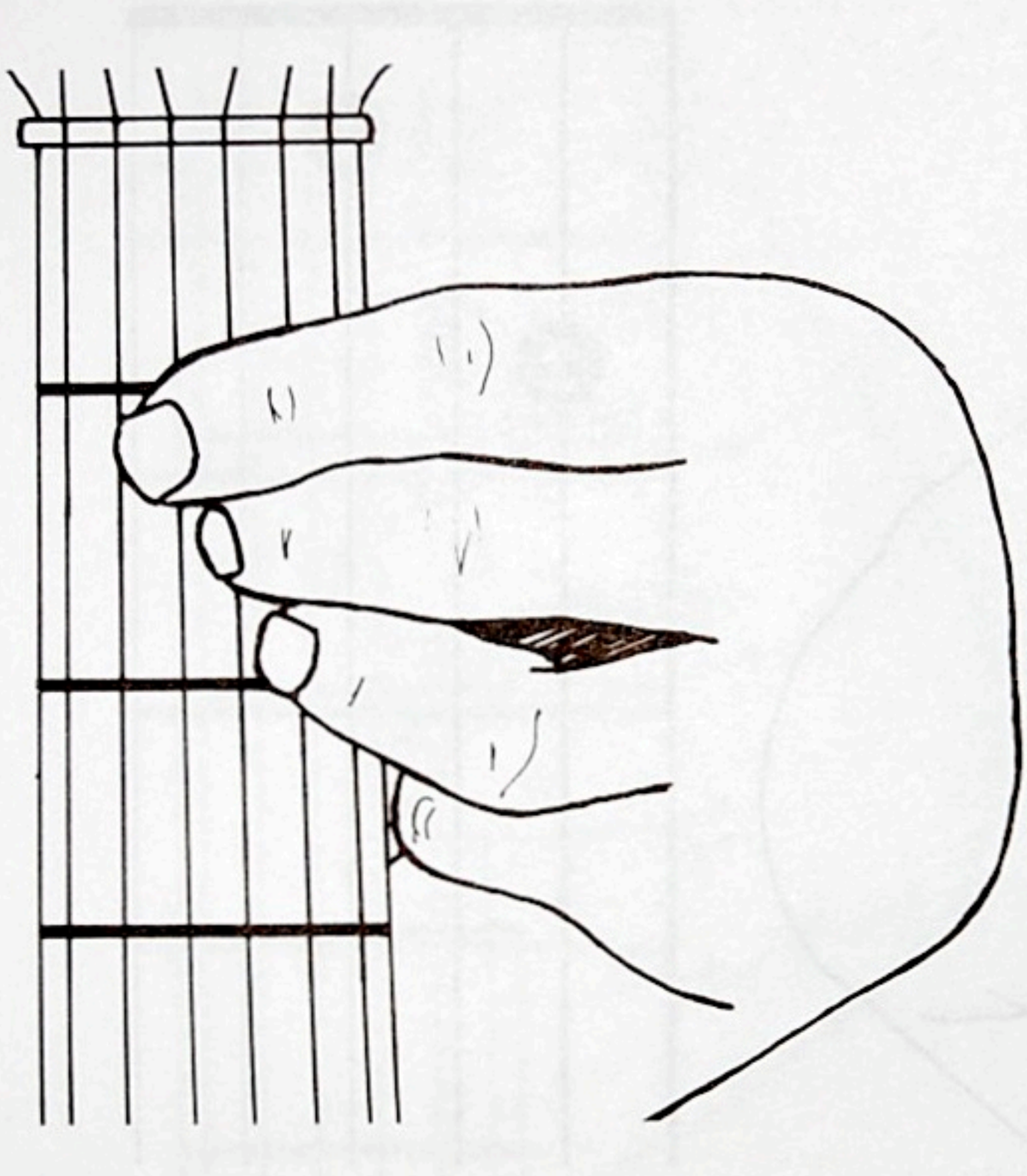


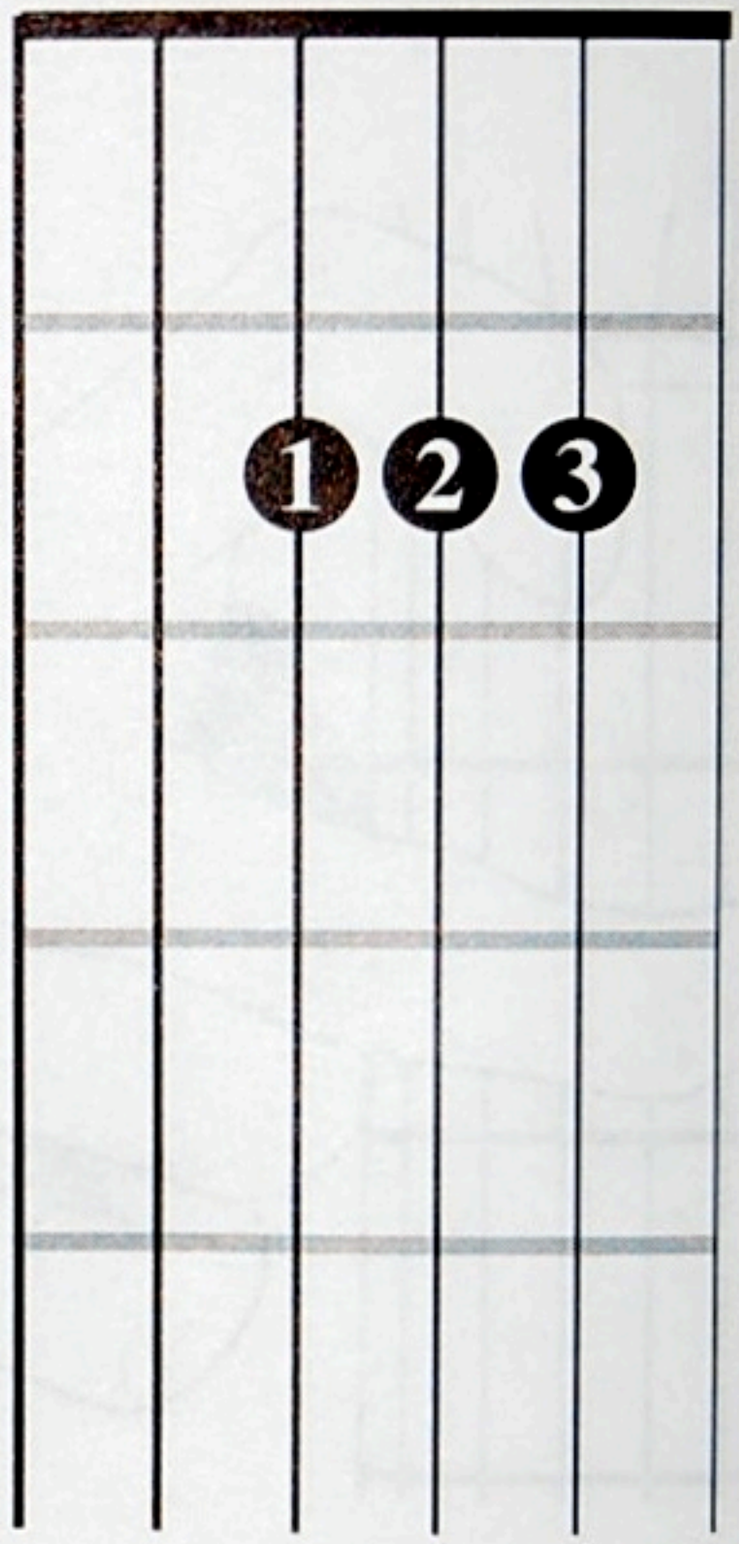
Play

C	E7	Am	Dm	A7
𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍

D	D7	G	G7	C
𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 ‖

A Chord



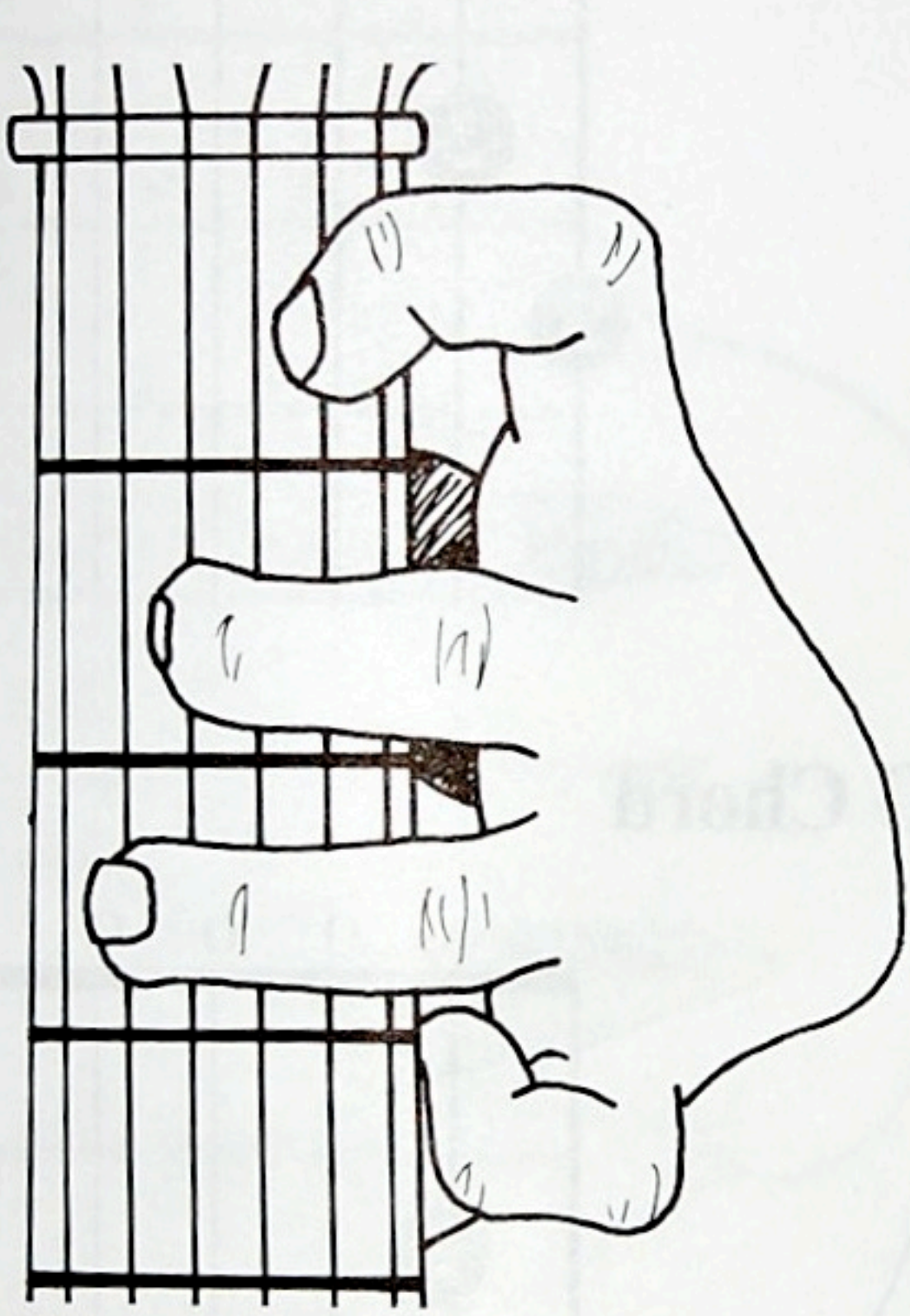


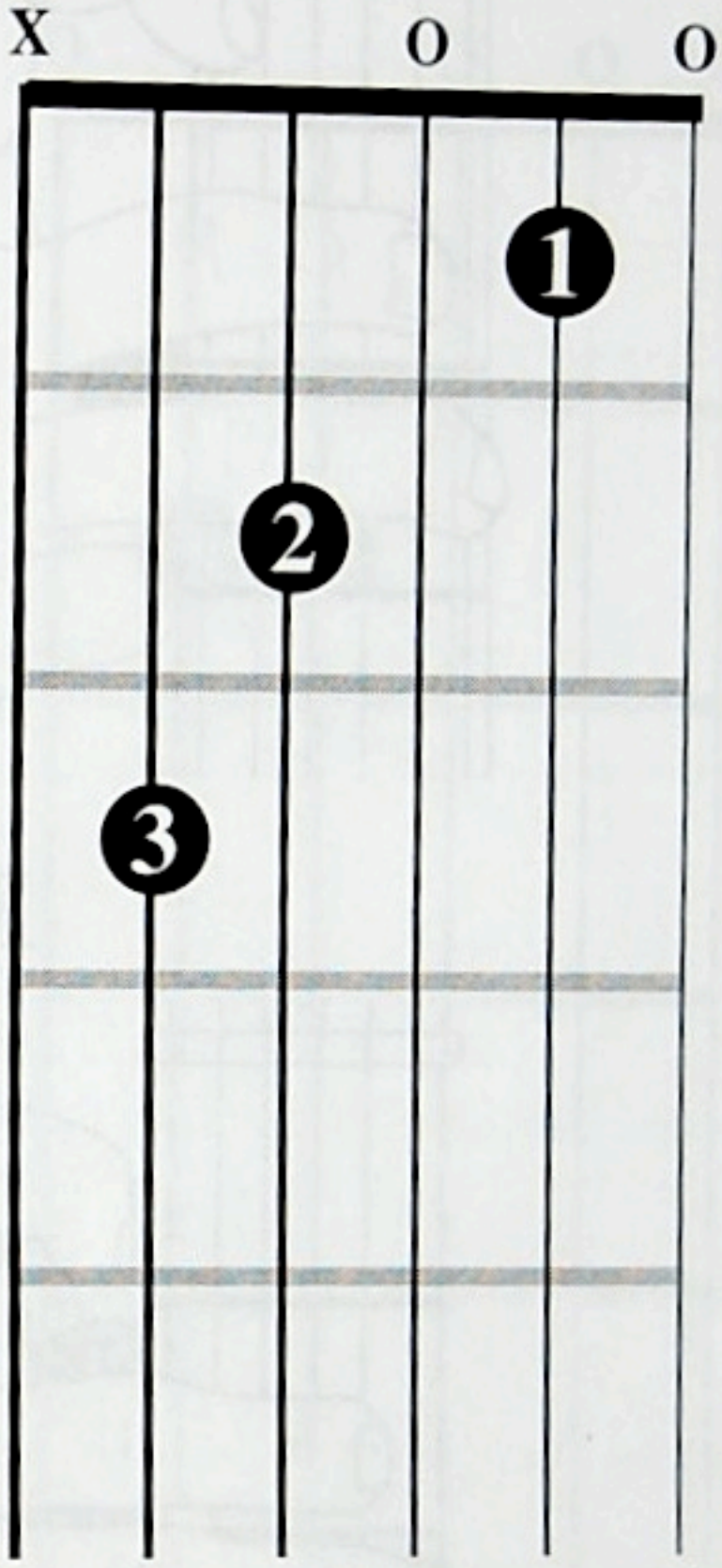
Play

C	E7	Am	Dm	A	A7
𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍

D	D7	G	G7	C
𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍

Full C Chord



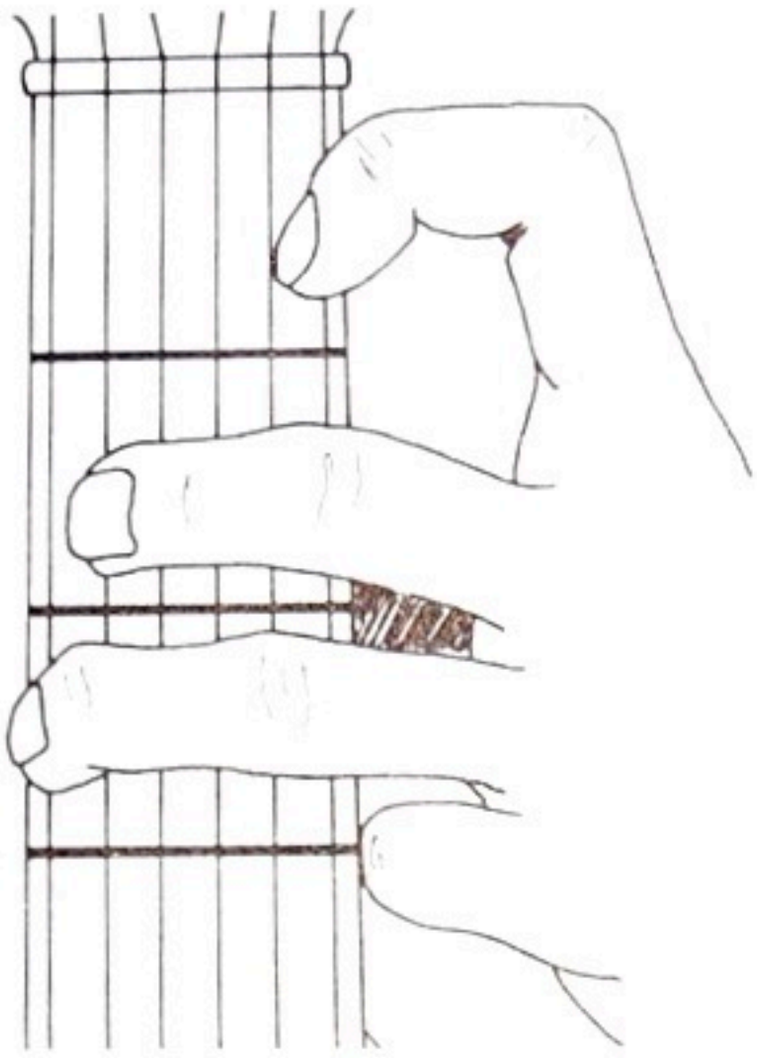


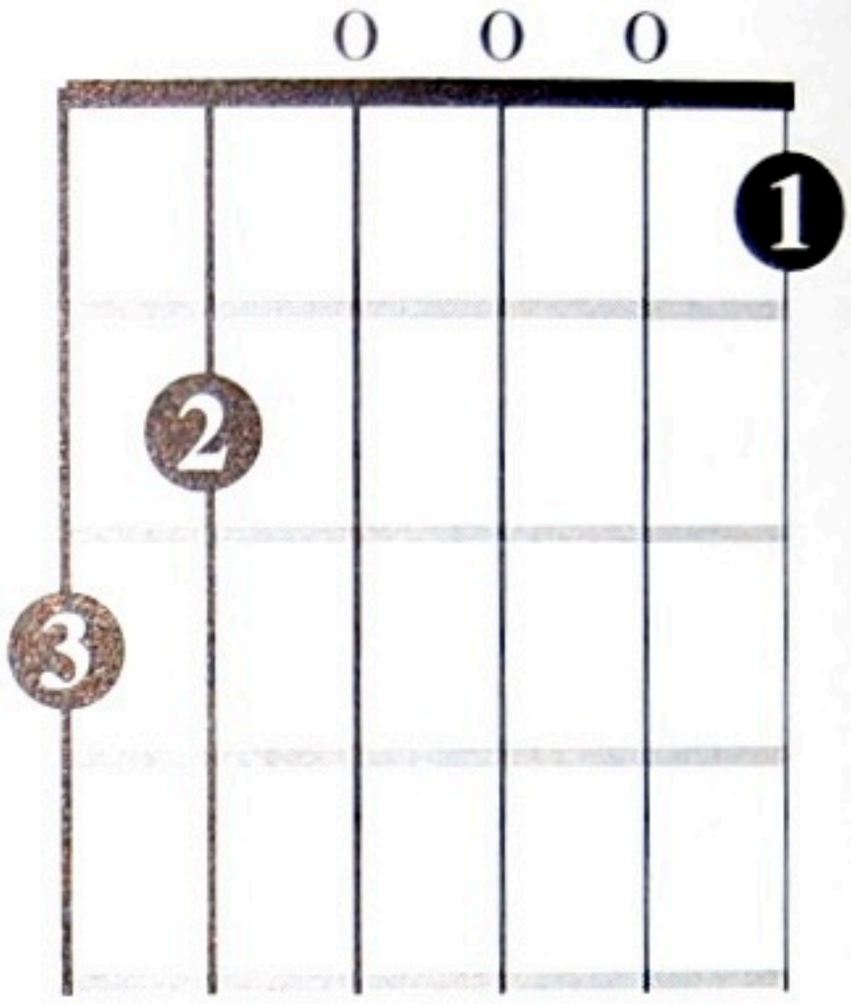
Play using the Full C Chord

C	E7	Am	Dm	A	A7
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

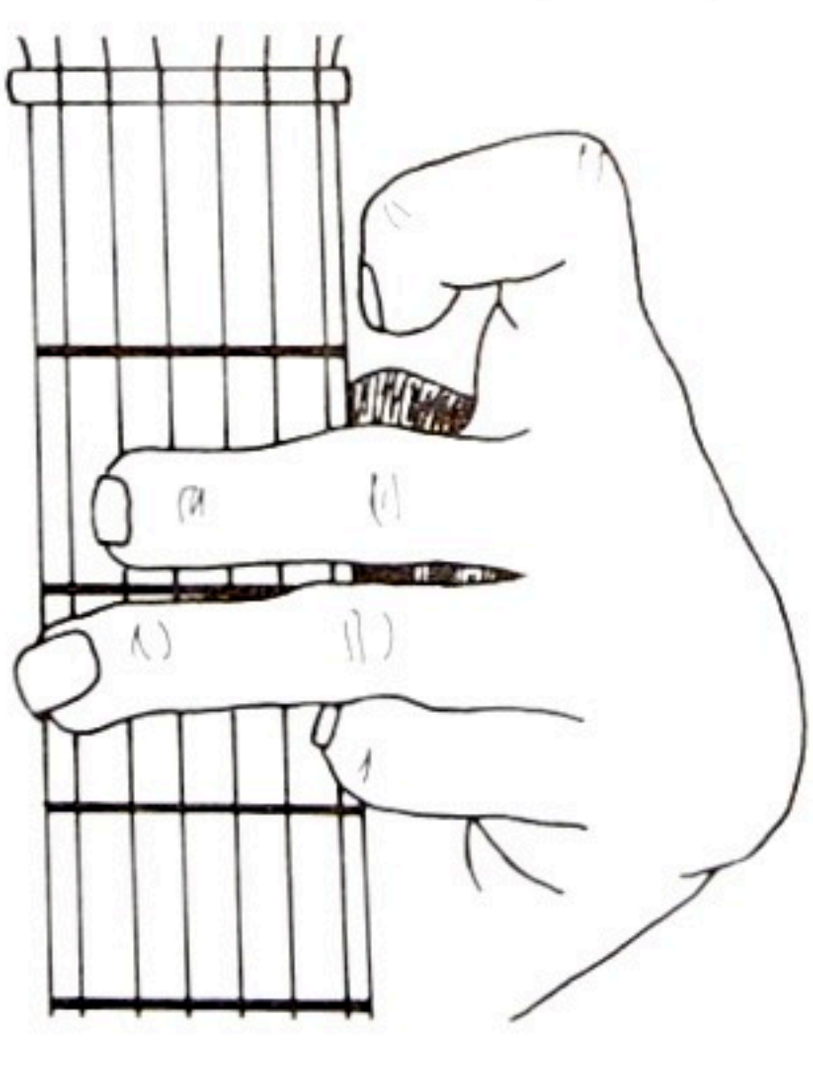
D	D7	G	G7	C
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

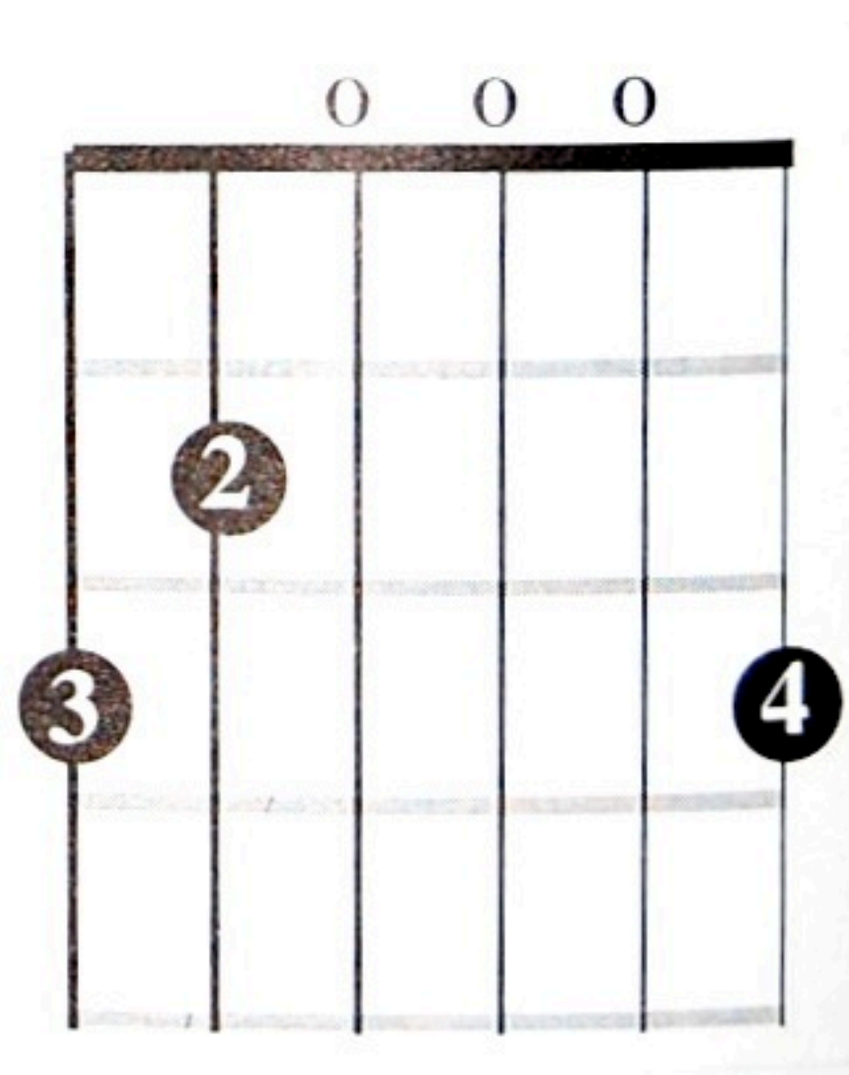
Full G7 Chord





Full G Chord



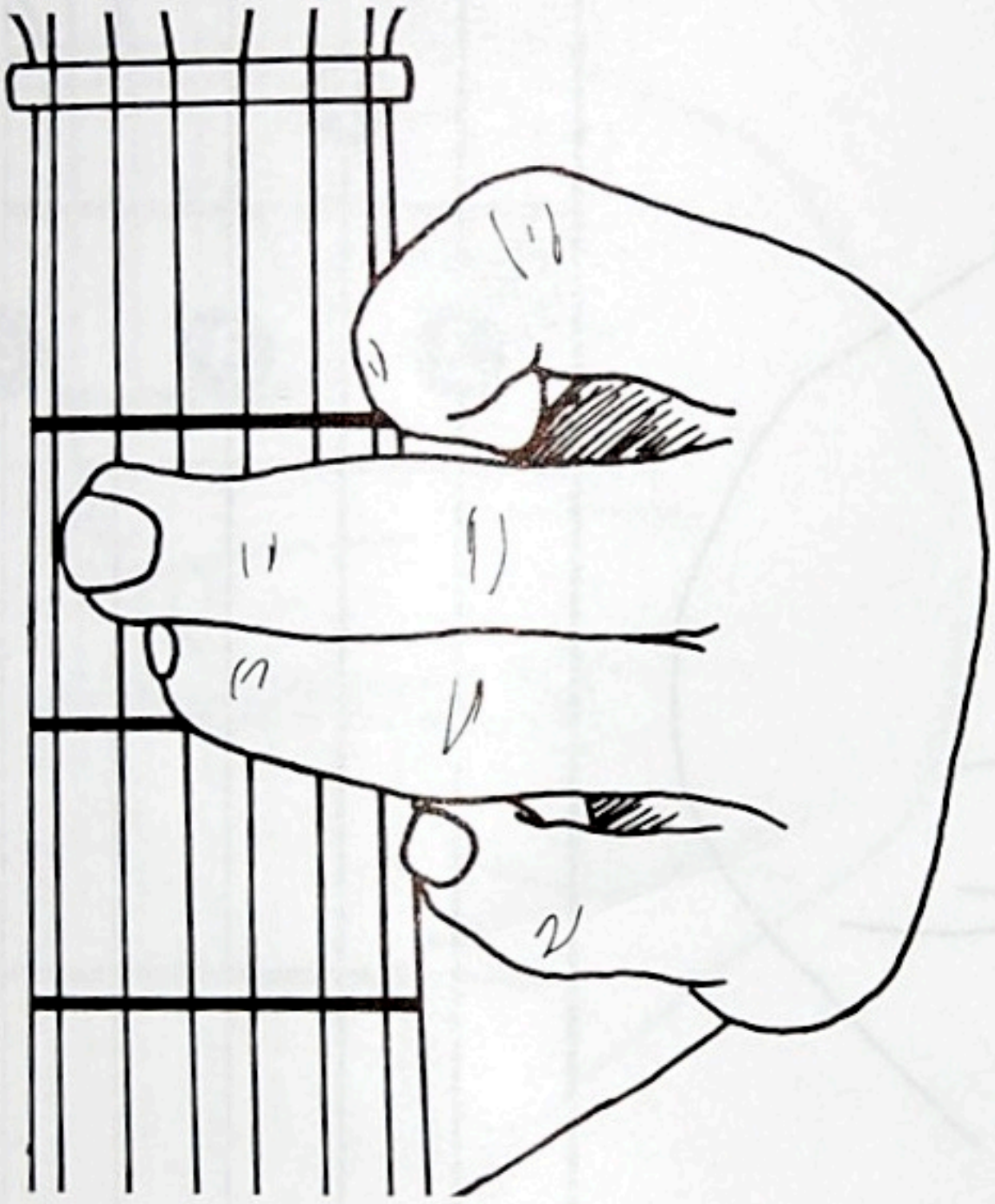


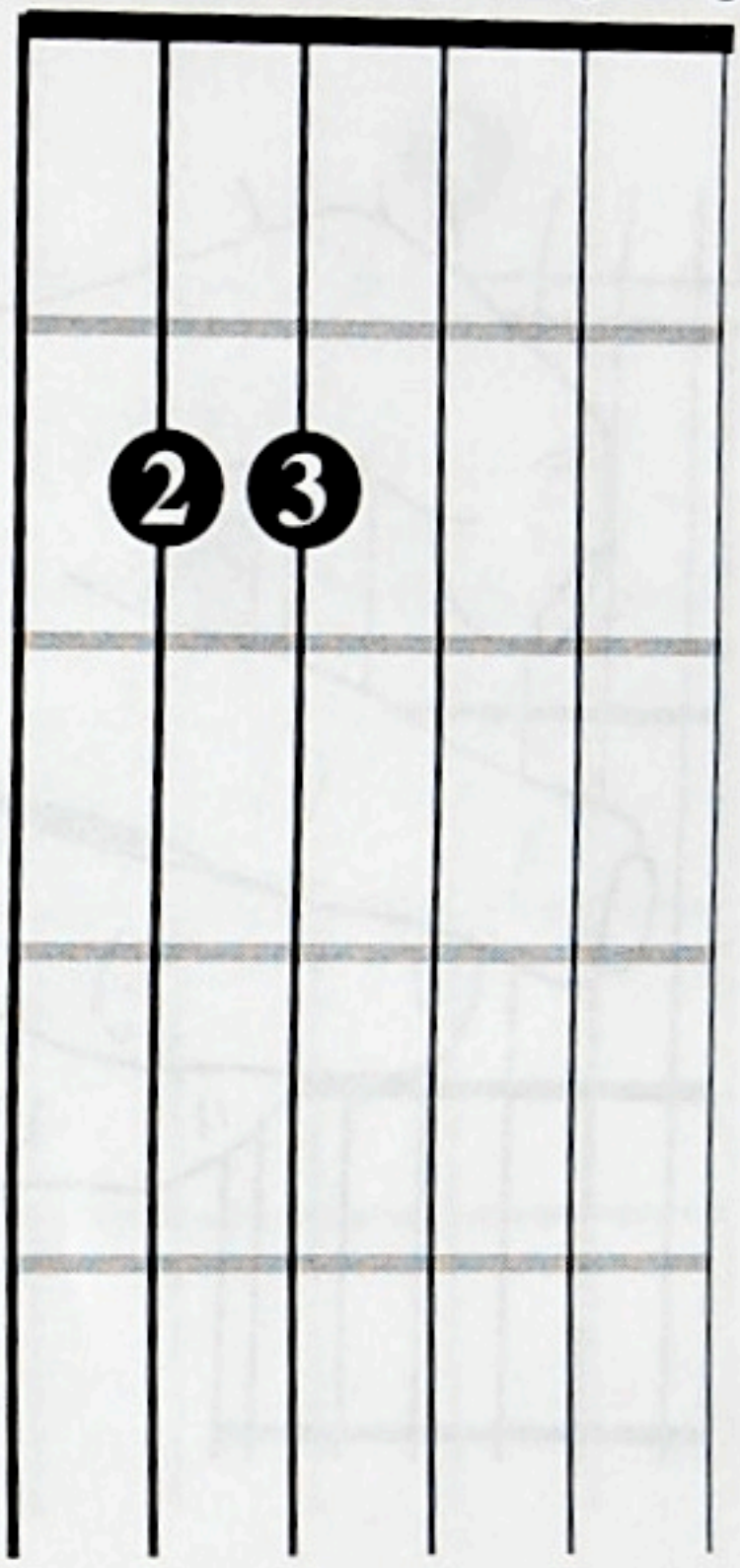
Play using Full C, G and G7 Chords

C	Am	D	A7
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /

D7	G	G7	C
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / / ‖

E minor Chord
(Em)

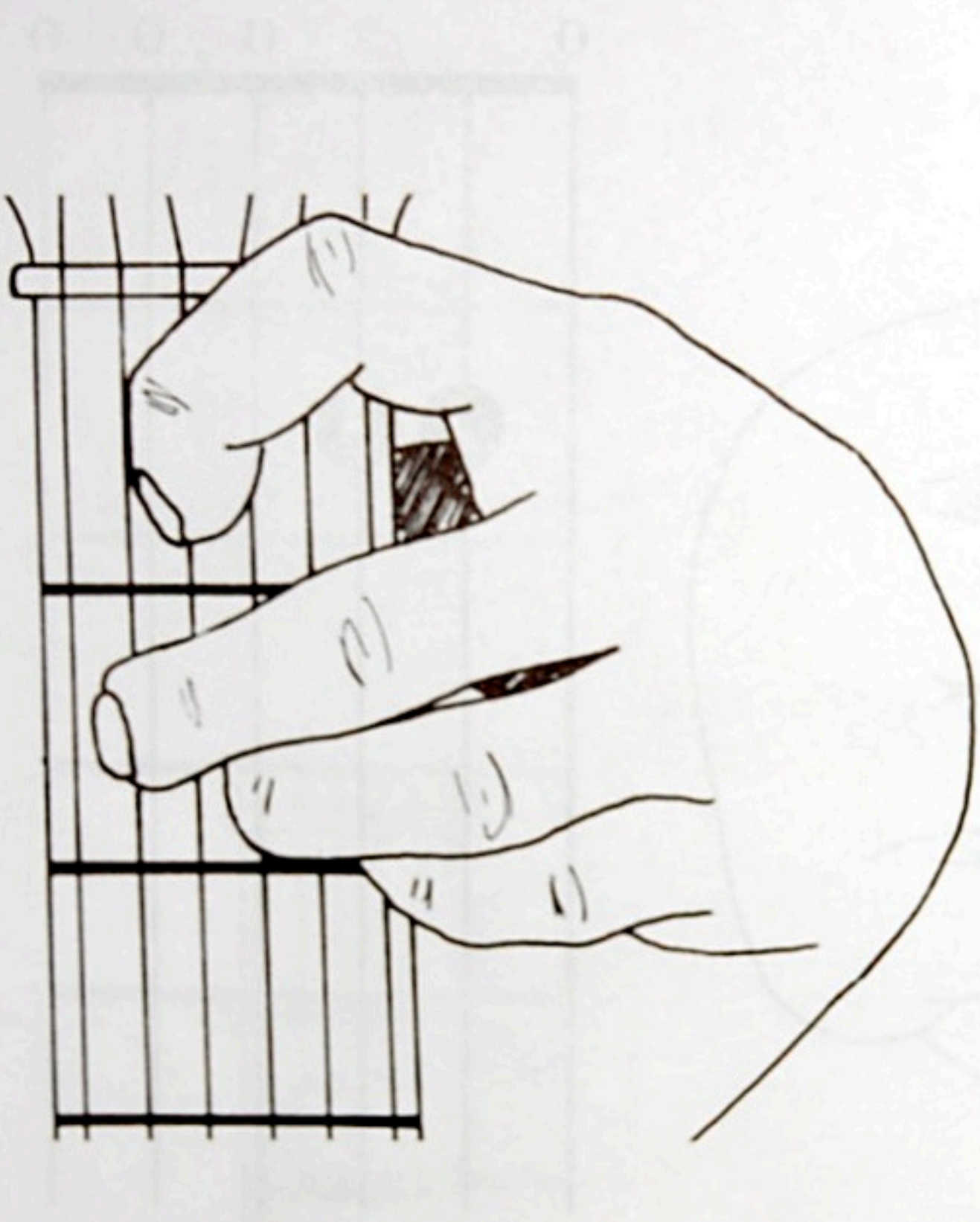


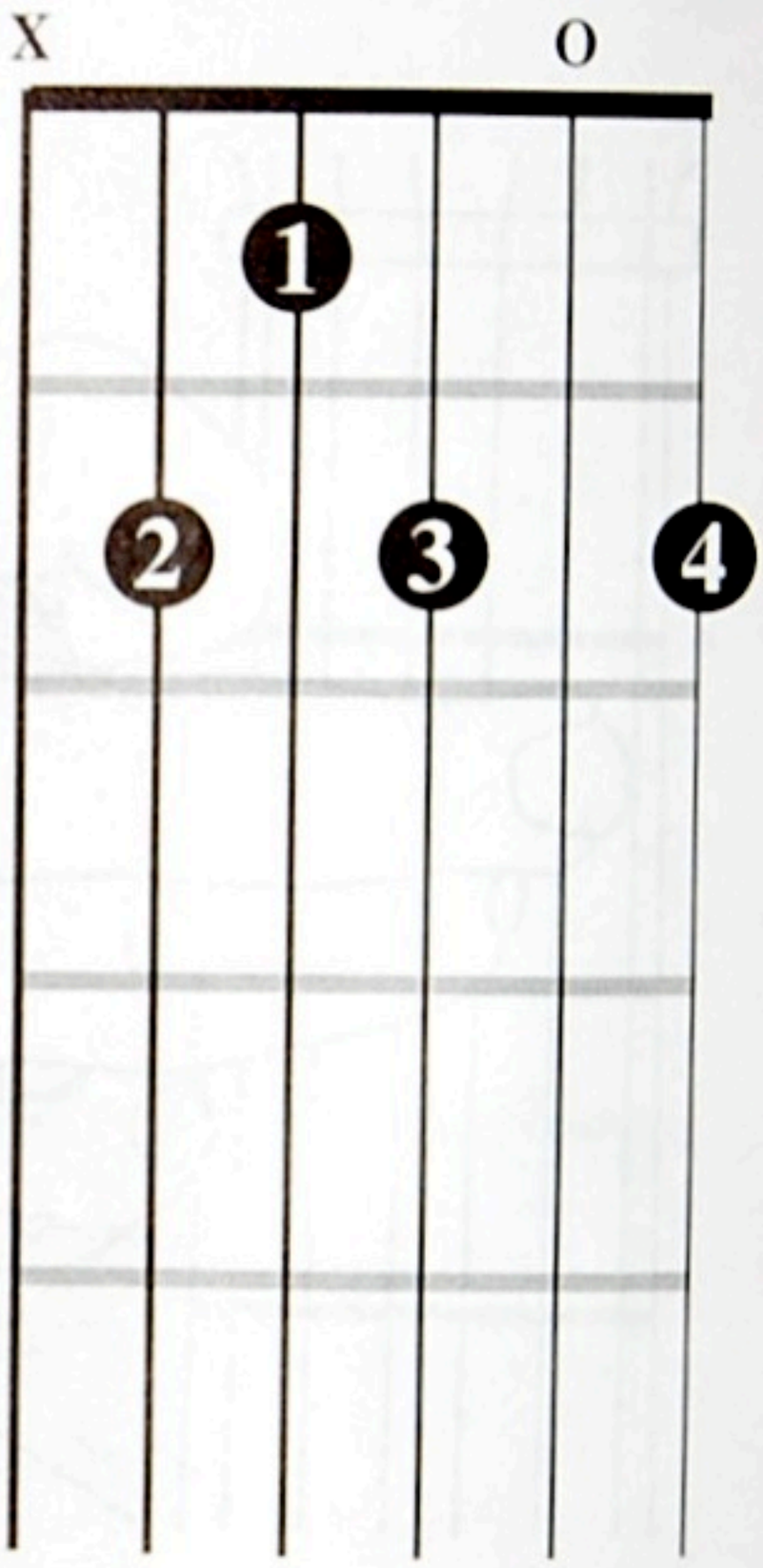


Play

C	Em	Am	Dm	E7	A
A7	D	D7	G	G7	C

B7 Chord



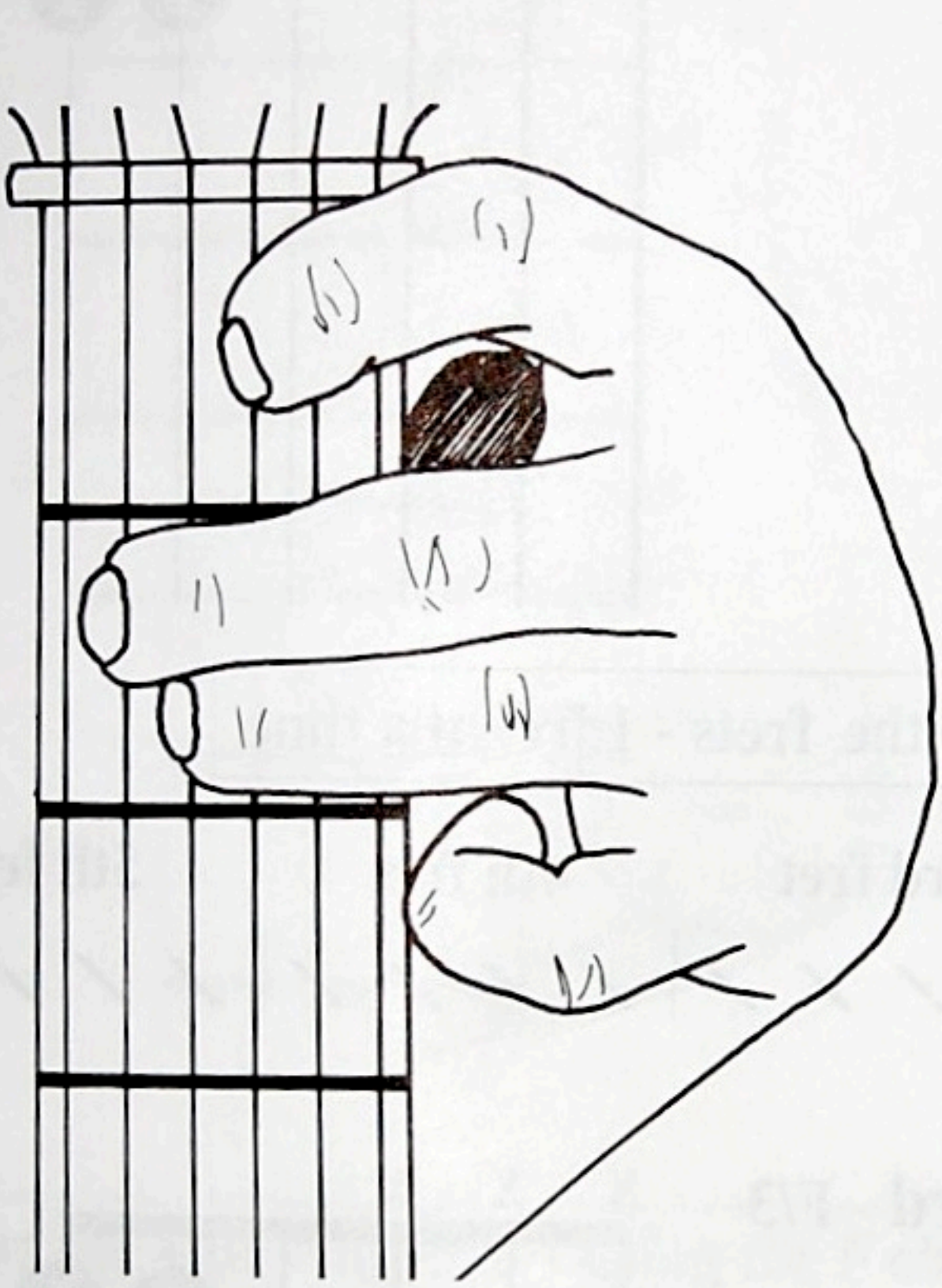


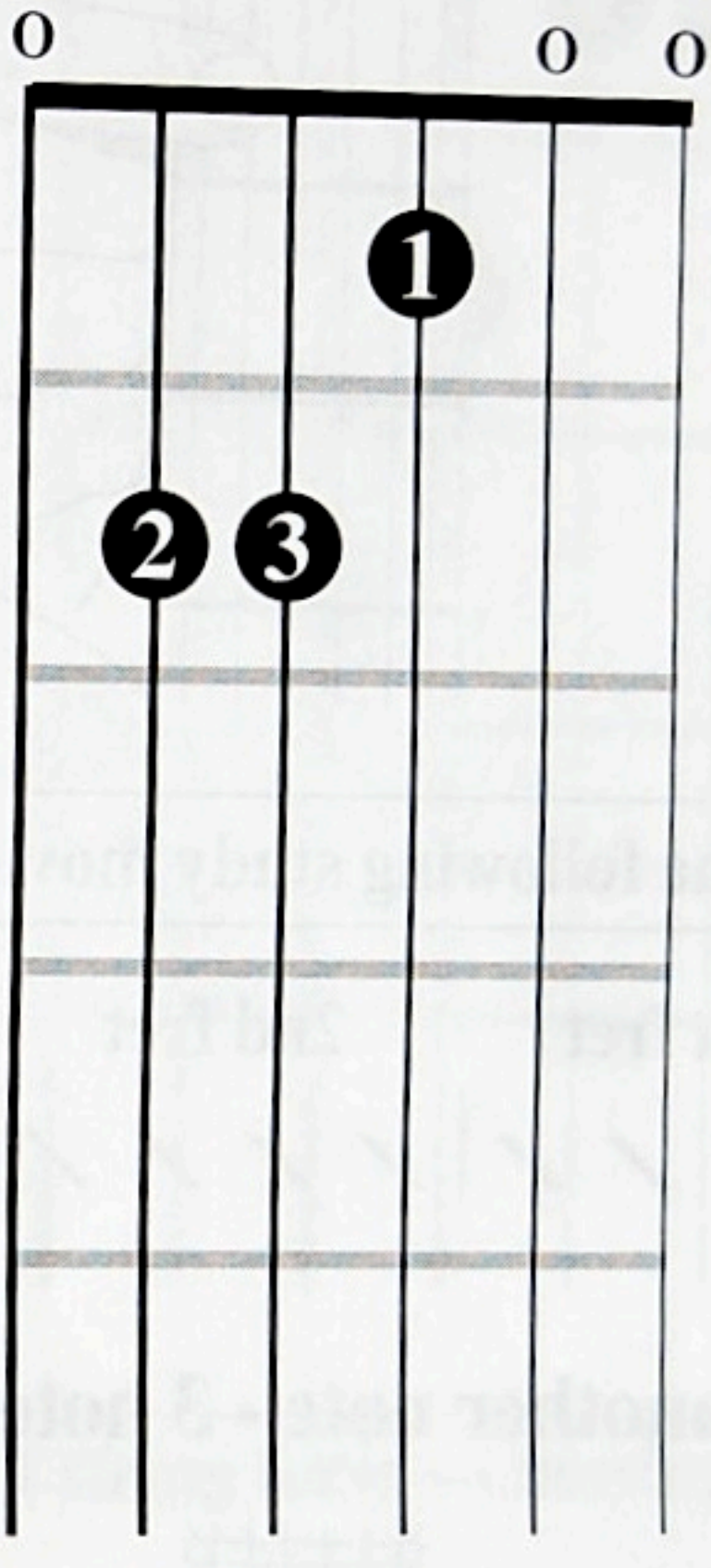
Play

C	B7	Em	Am	Dm	E7	A
𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍

A7	D	D7	G	G7	C
𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍	𝄍 ‖

E Chord





Play

C	Em	B7	E	Am	Dm	E7
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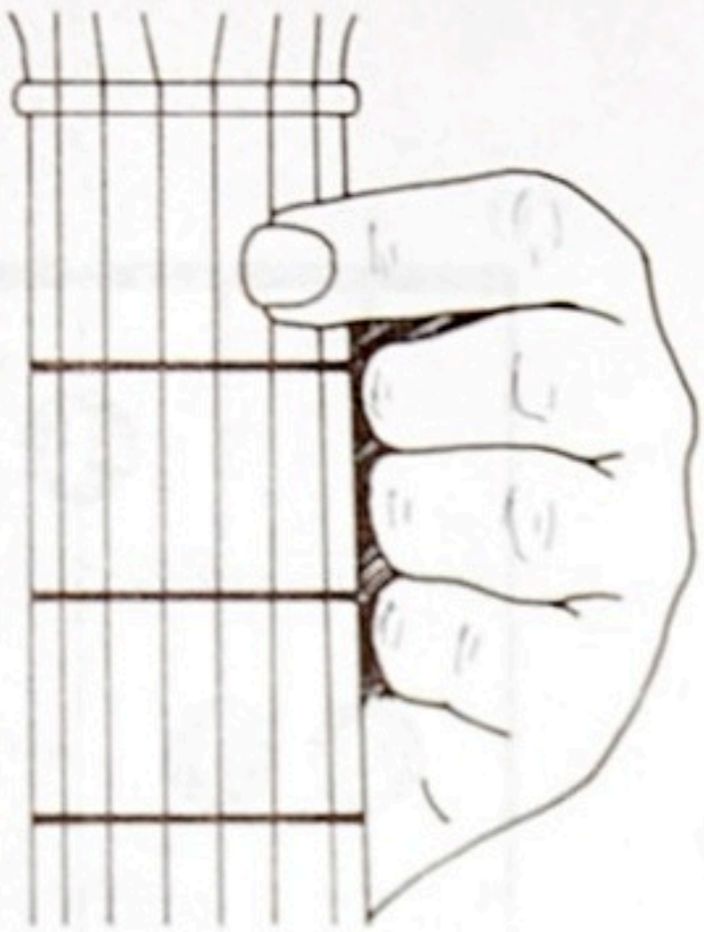
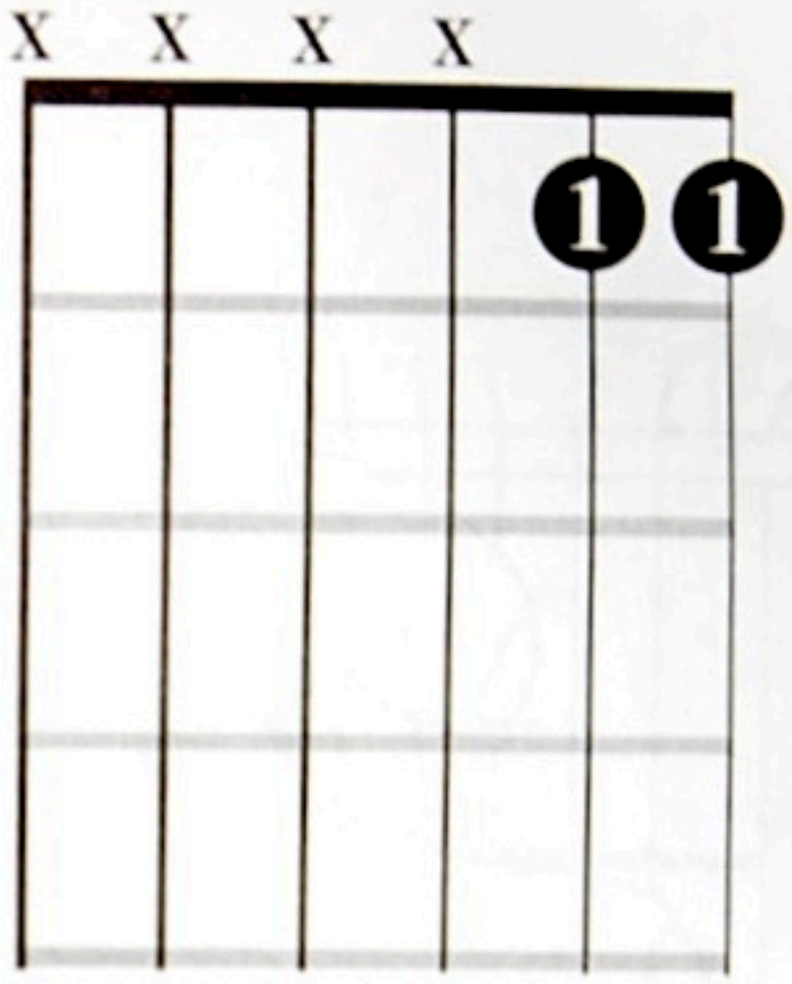
A	A7	D	D7	G	G7	C
𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍	𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄍 𝄀

Building the F Chord

Play only the top two strings - F/2 note chord



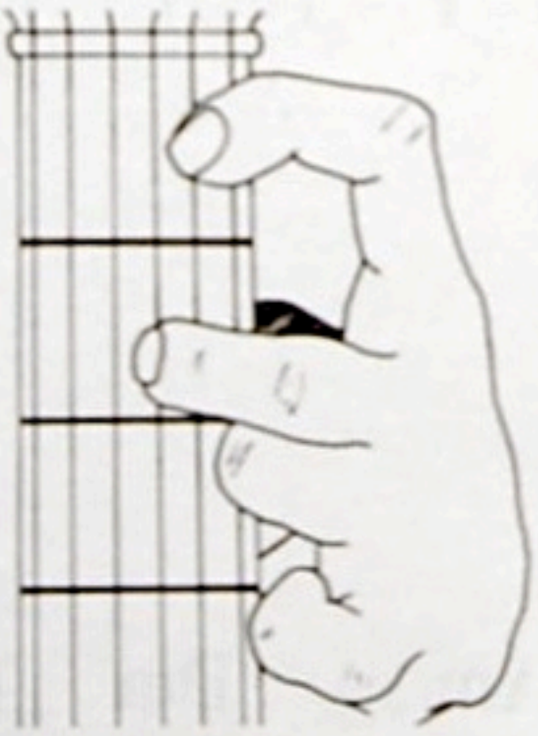


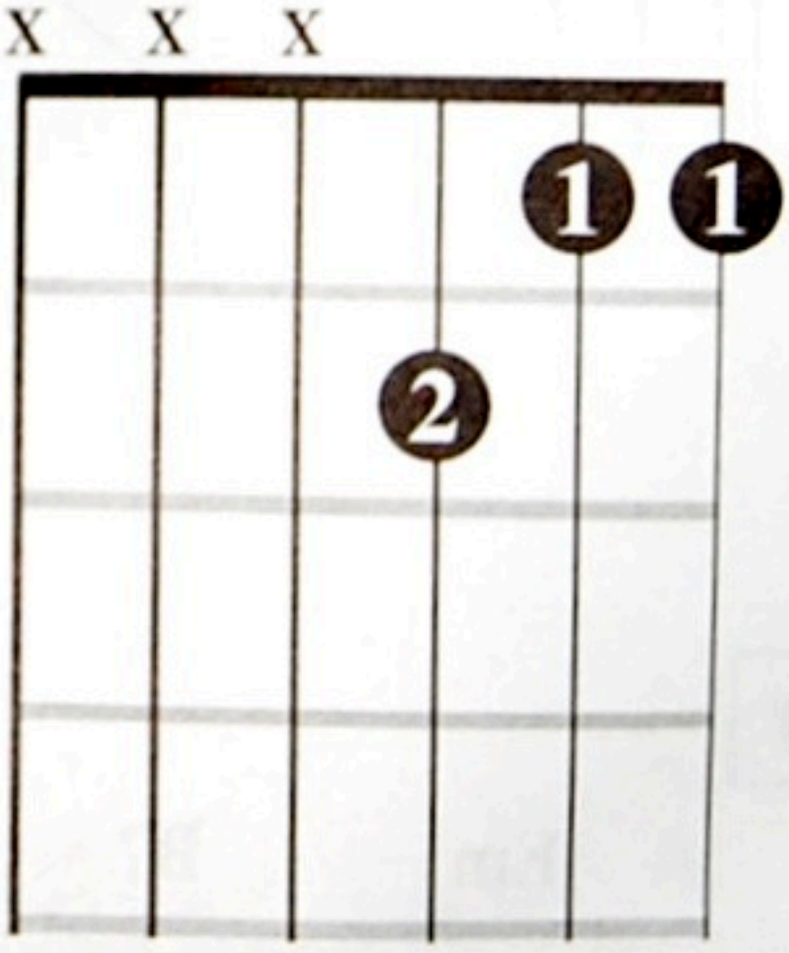
Play the following study moving up the frets - 1 fret at a time

F 1st fret | 2nd fret | 3rd fret | 4th fret | 5th fret

/ / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / ||

Add another note - 3 note chord - F/3



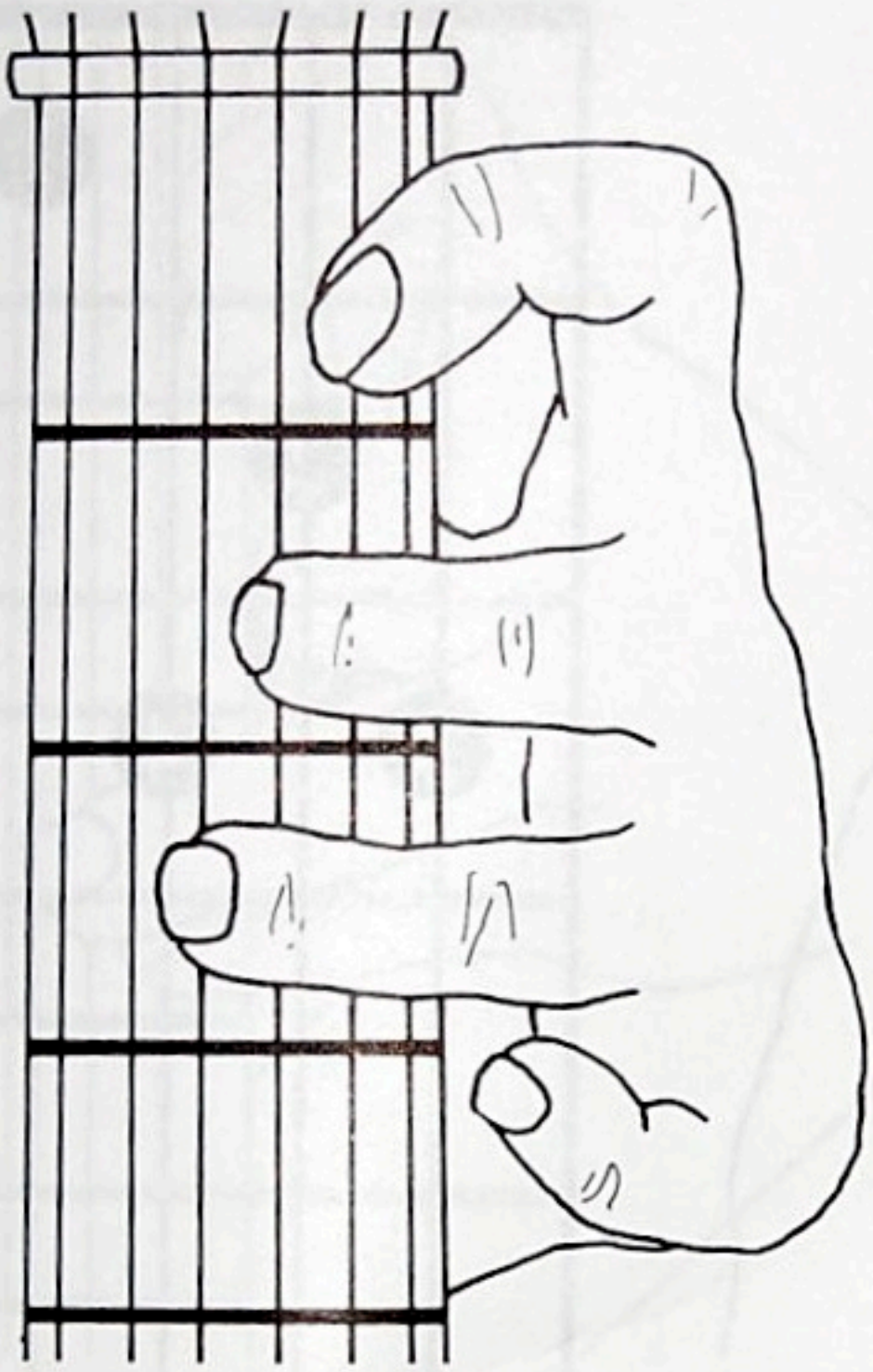


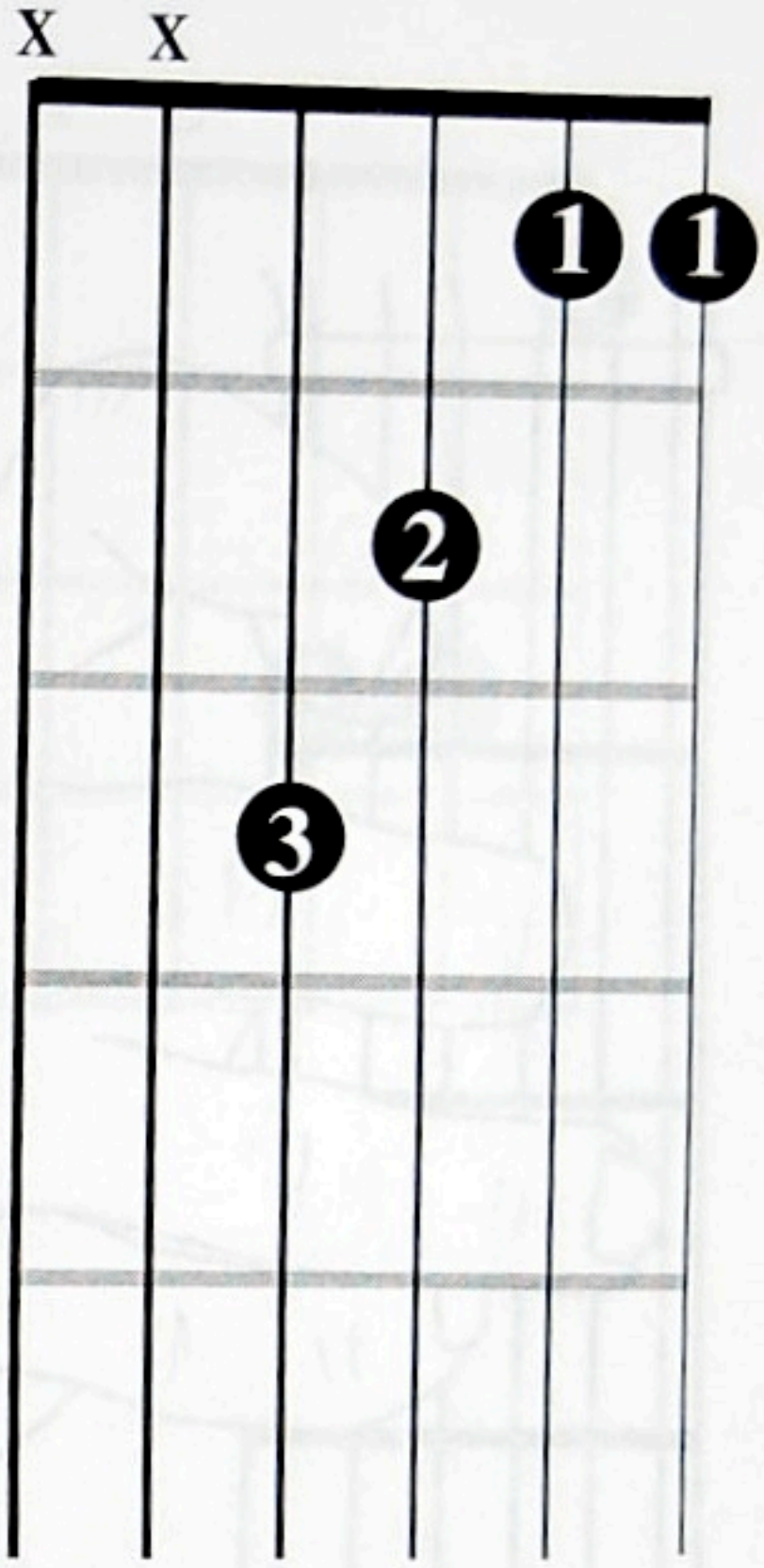
Play the following study using the F chords / 3note form moving up 1 fret at a time

F 1st fret | 2nd fret | 3rd fret | 4th fret | 5th fret

/ / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / ||

F Chord / 4 Strings





Play the following study using the F chord / 4 string form — moving up the fingerboard one fret at a time.

F 1st fret | **2nd fret** | **3rd fret** | **4th fret** | **5th fret** ||

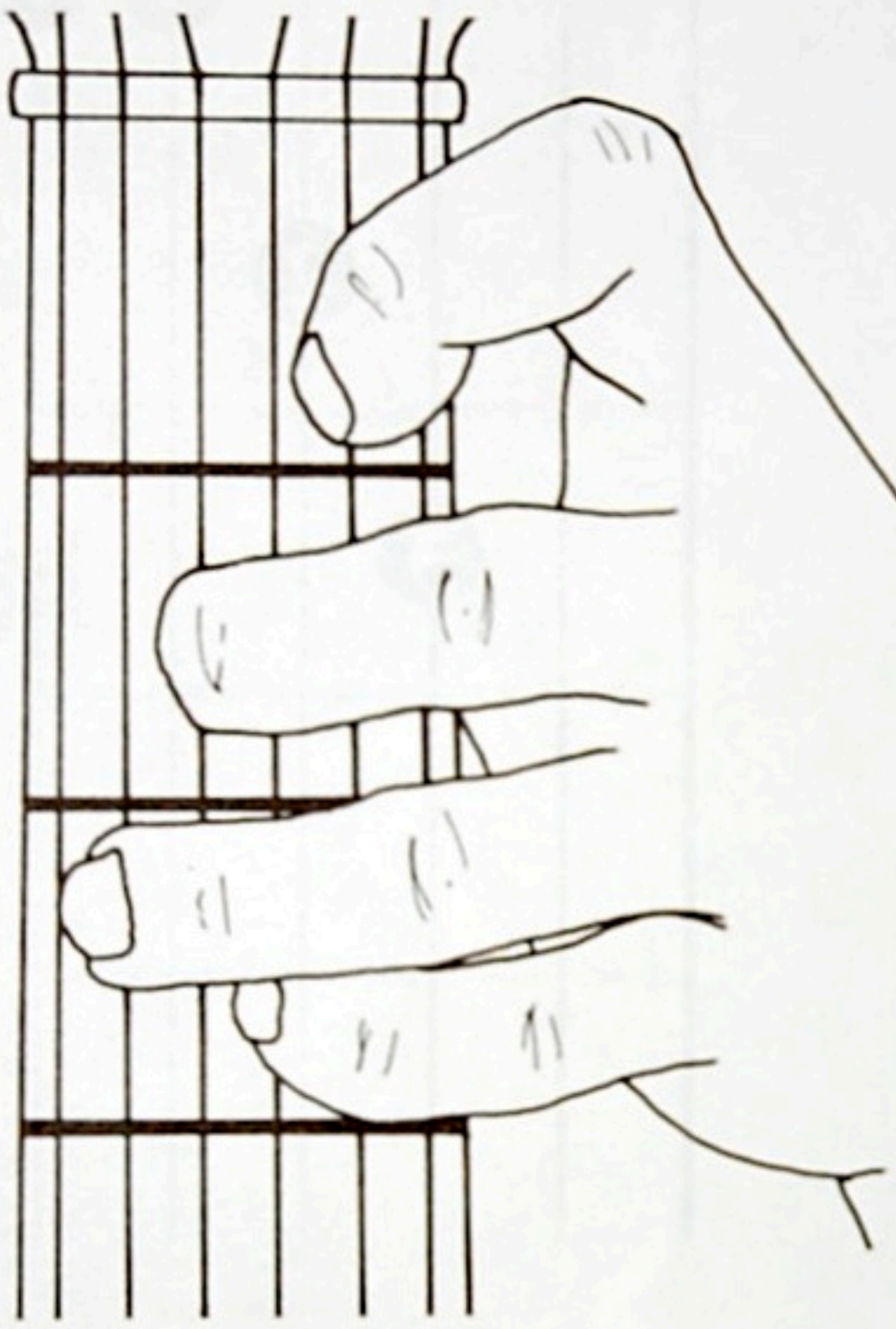
Play

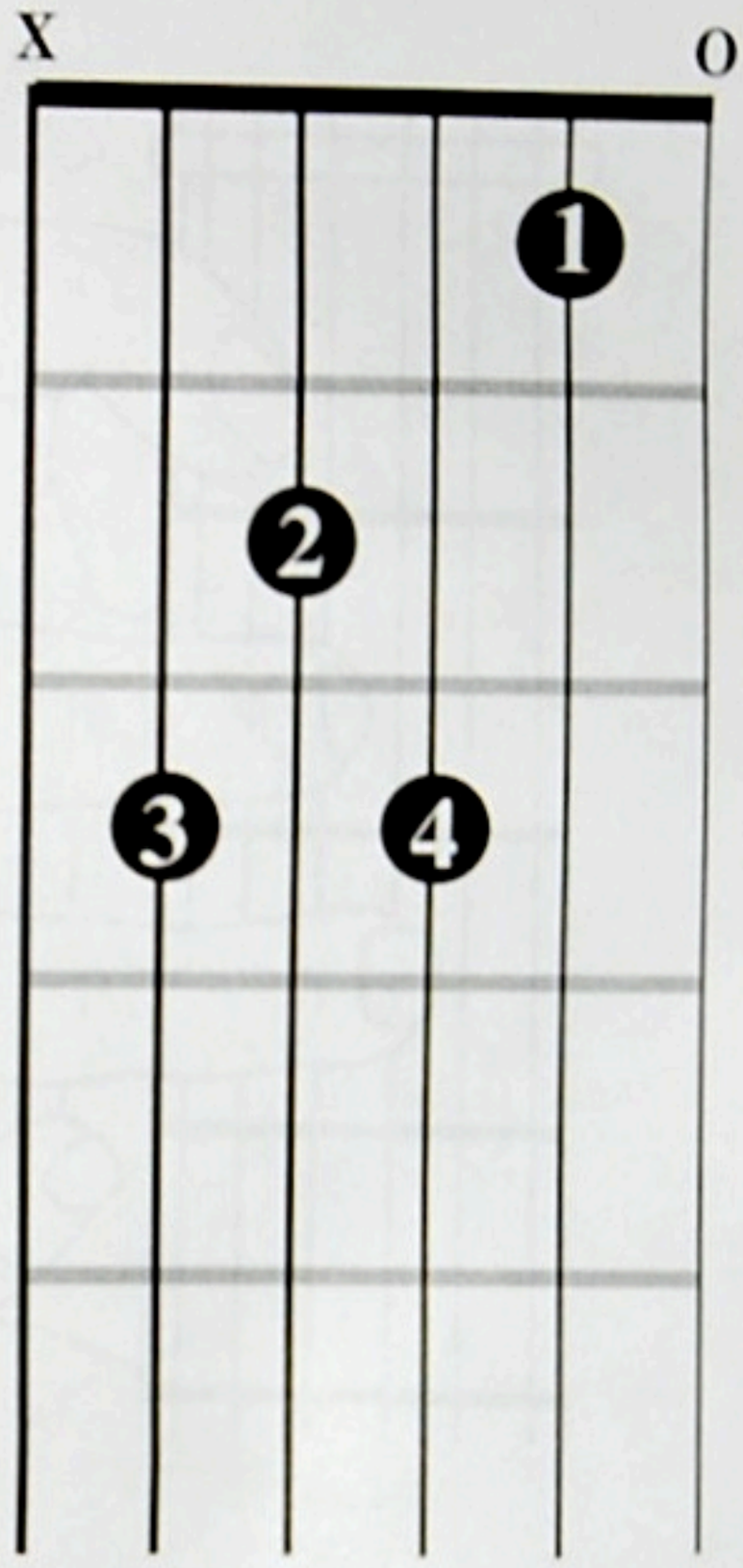
C | **F** | **C** | **Em** | **B7** |

E | **Am** | **Dm** | **E7** | **A** | **A7** |

D | **D7** | **G** | **F** | **G7** | **C** ||

C7 Chord





Play

C	C7	F	C	Em	B7	E
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Am	Dm	E7	A	A7	D
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

D7	G	G7	C7	F	C
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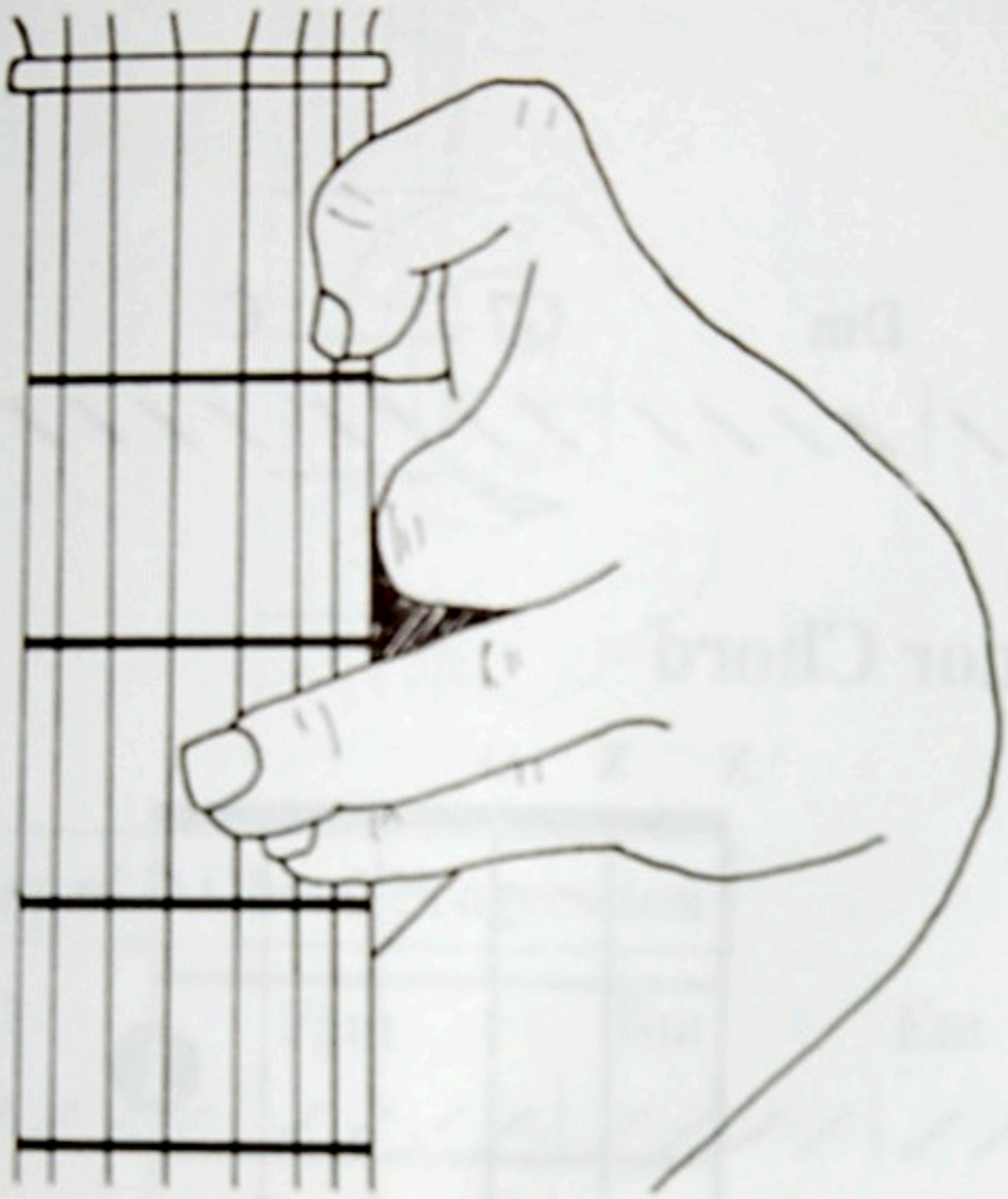
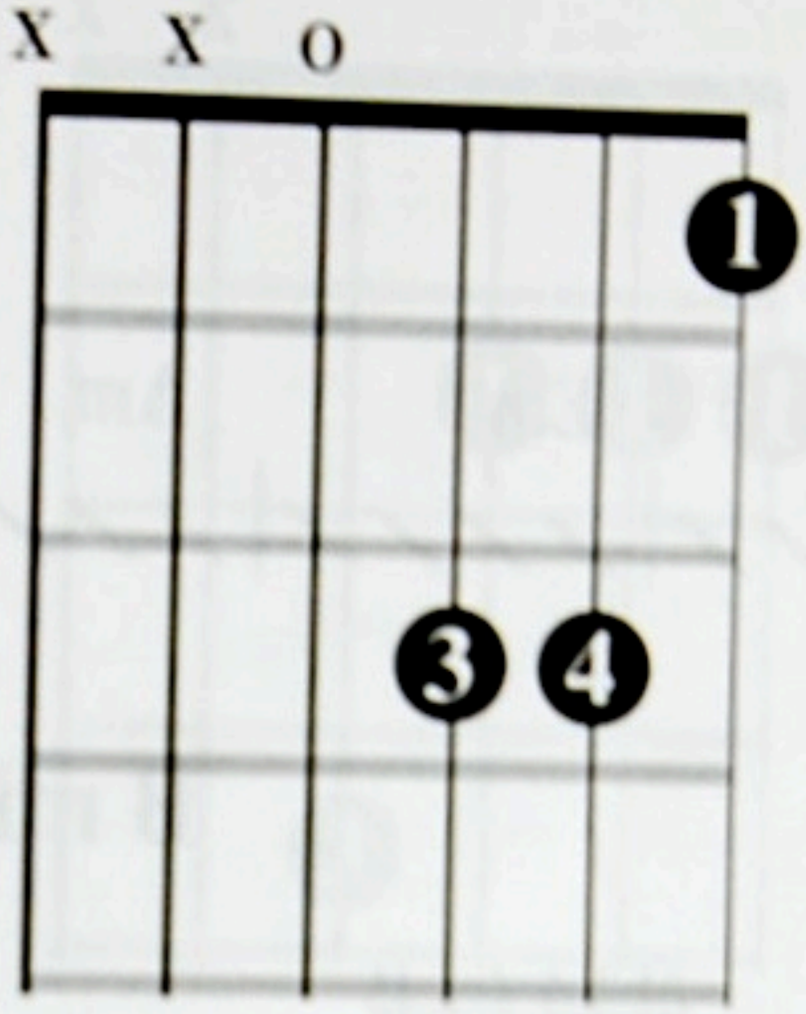
B♭ Chord





Play

C | / / / / | C7 | / / / / | F | / / / / | B♭ | / / / / | F | / / / / |

C | / / / / | Em | / / / / | B7 | / / / / | E | / / / / | Am | / / / / | Dm | / / / / |

E7 | / / / / | A | / / / / | D | / / / / | D7 | / / / / | G | / / / / | G7 | / / / / |

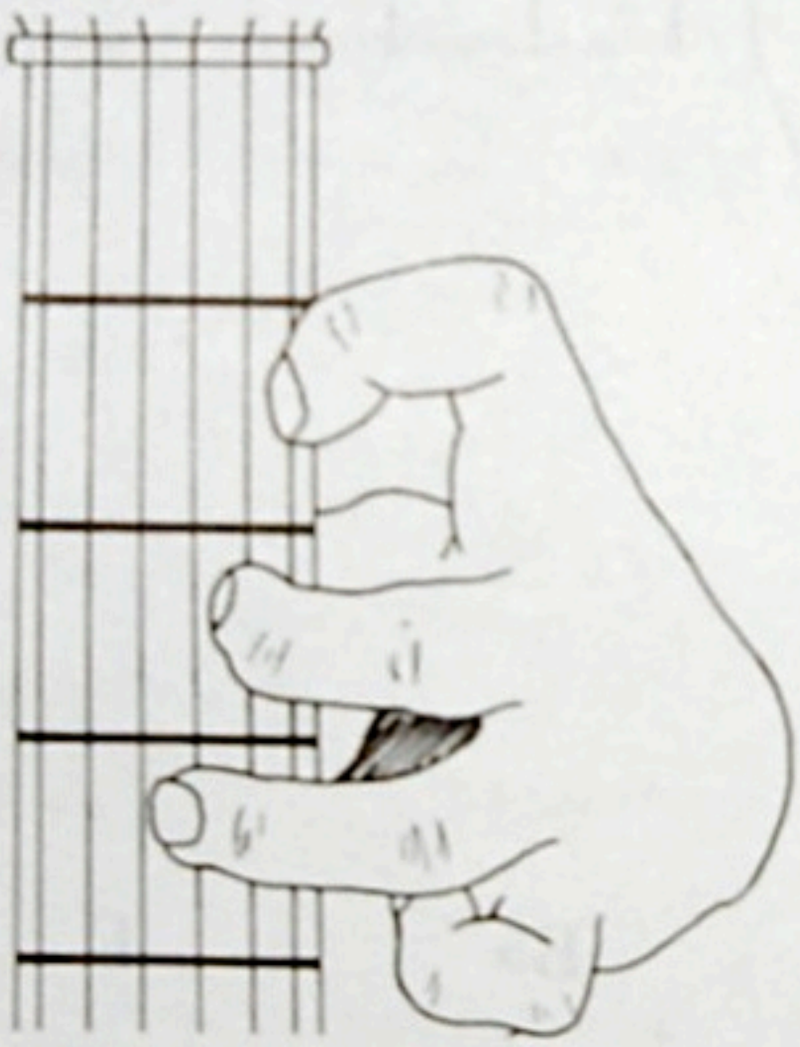
C7 | / / / / | F | / / / / | B♭ | / / / / | F | / / / / | G7 | / / / / | C | / / / / ‖

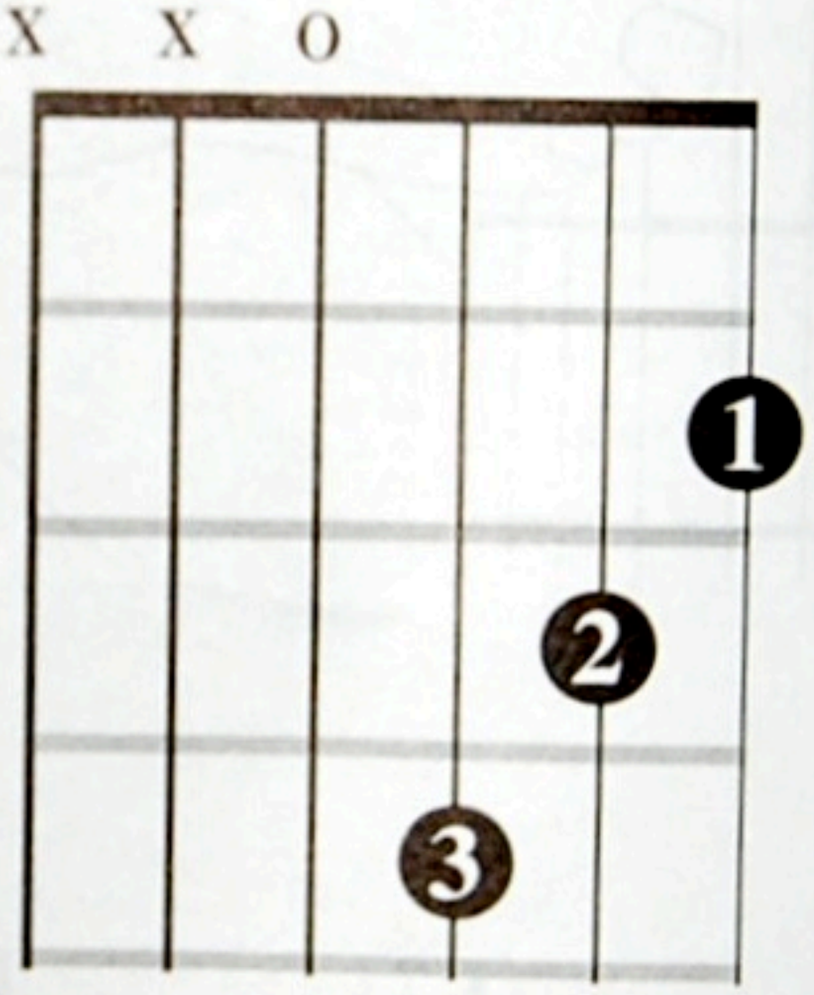
Key of C Chord Progression

Play

C | Em | Am | Dm | G7 | C

B minor Chord



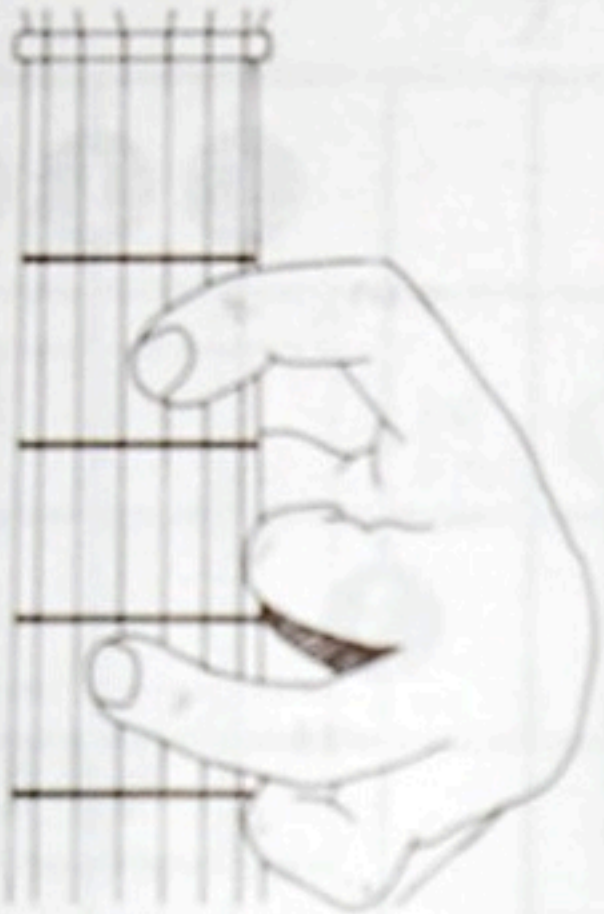


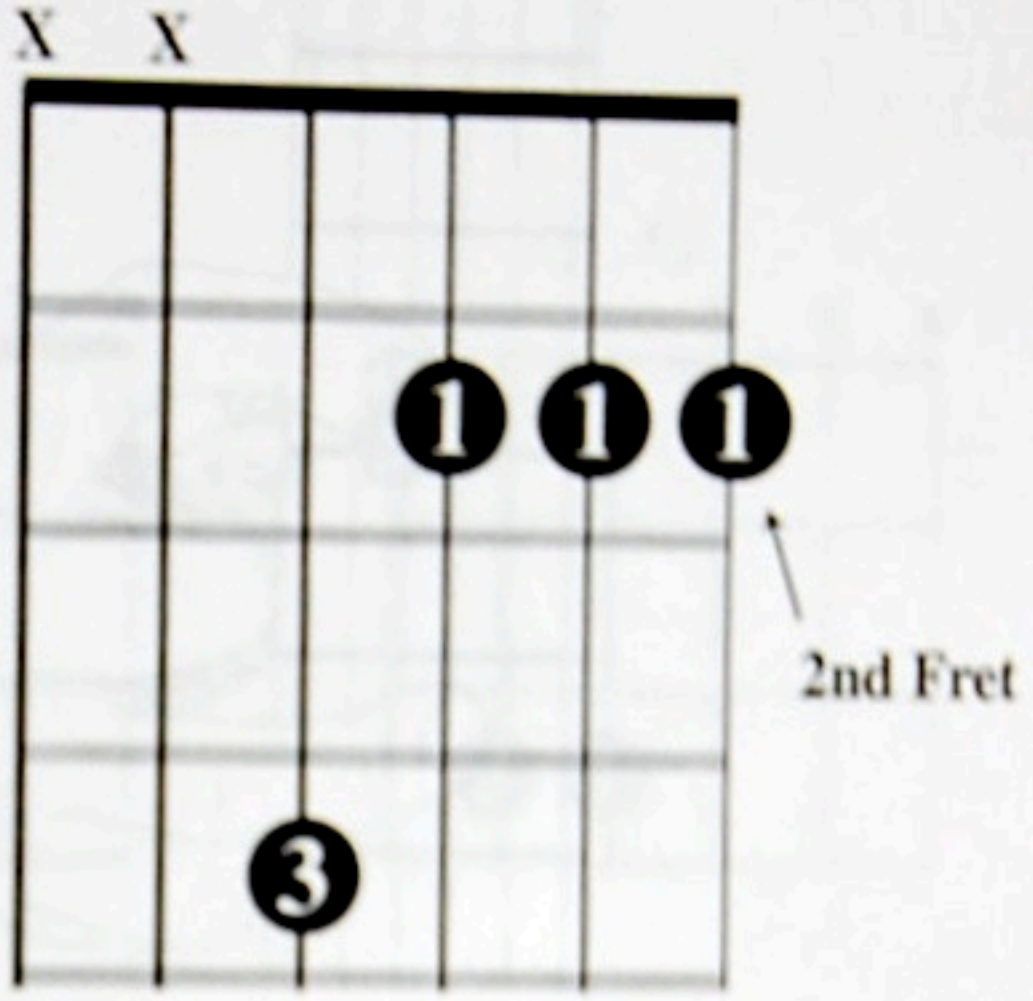
Key of G Chord Progression

Play

G | Bm | Em | Am | D7 | G

F♯ minor Chord (F♯m)

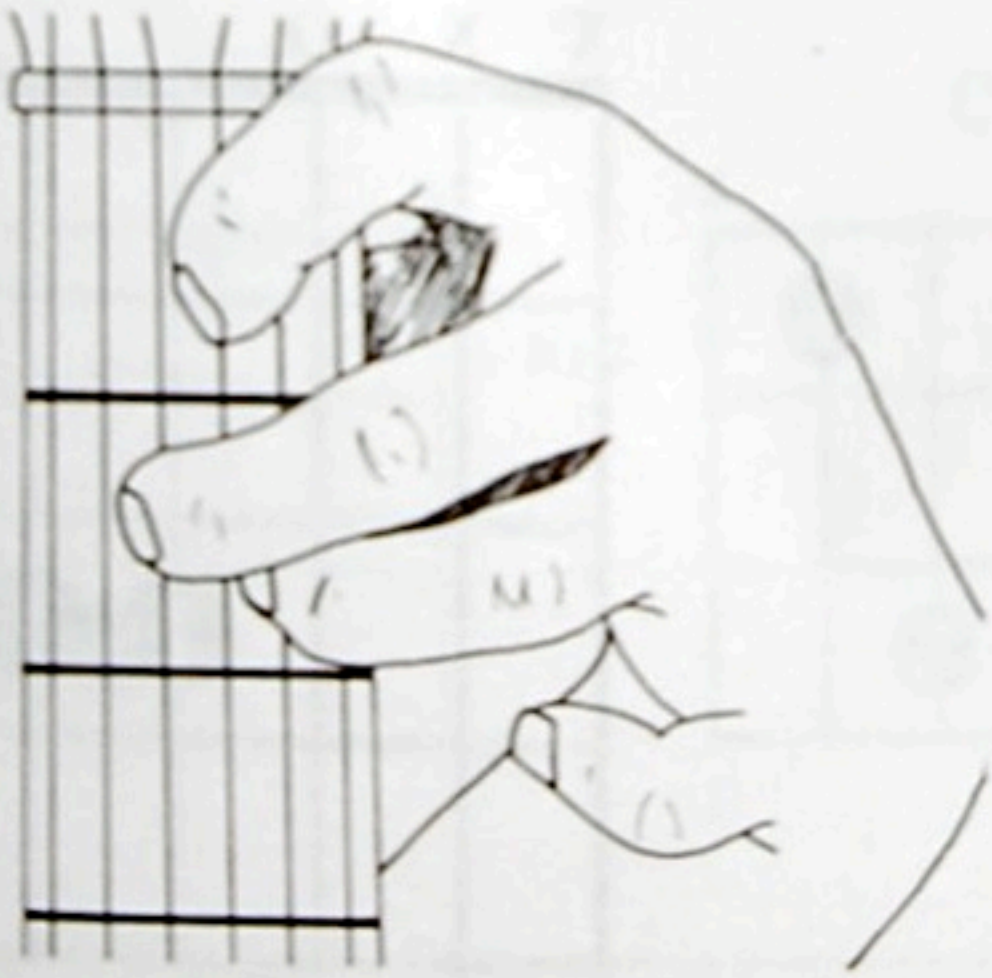


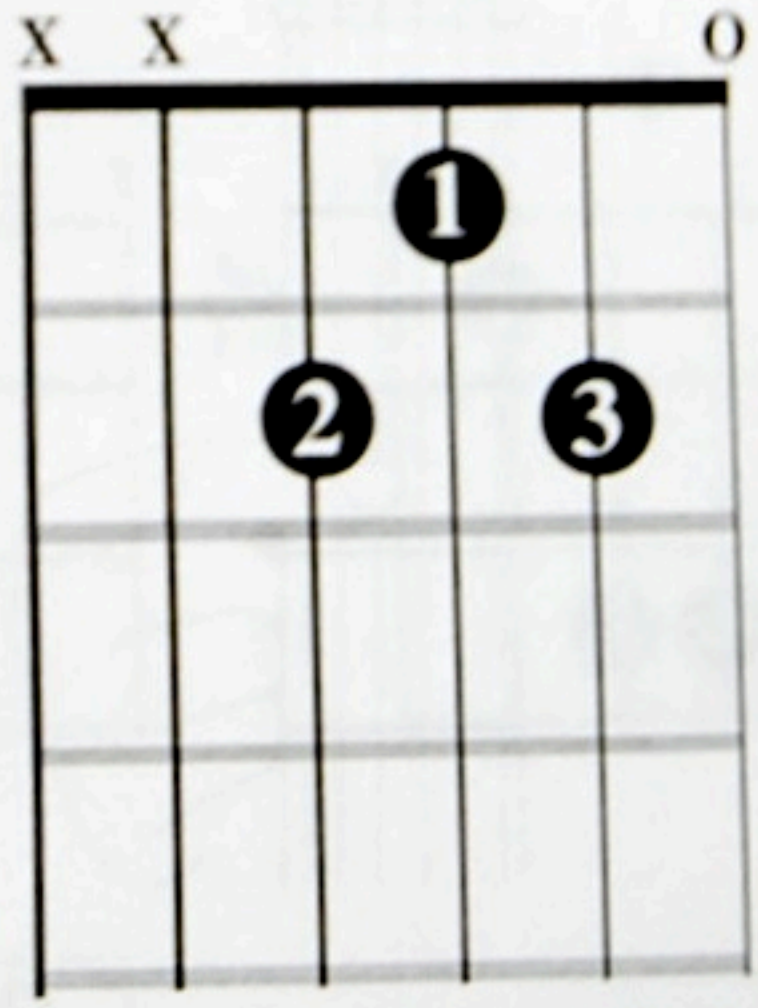


Key of D Chord Progression

D	F♯m	Bm	Em	A7	D
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

C♯ minor Chord (C♯m)

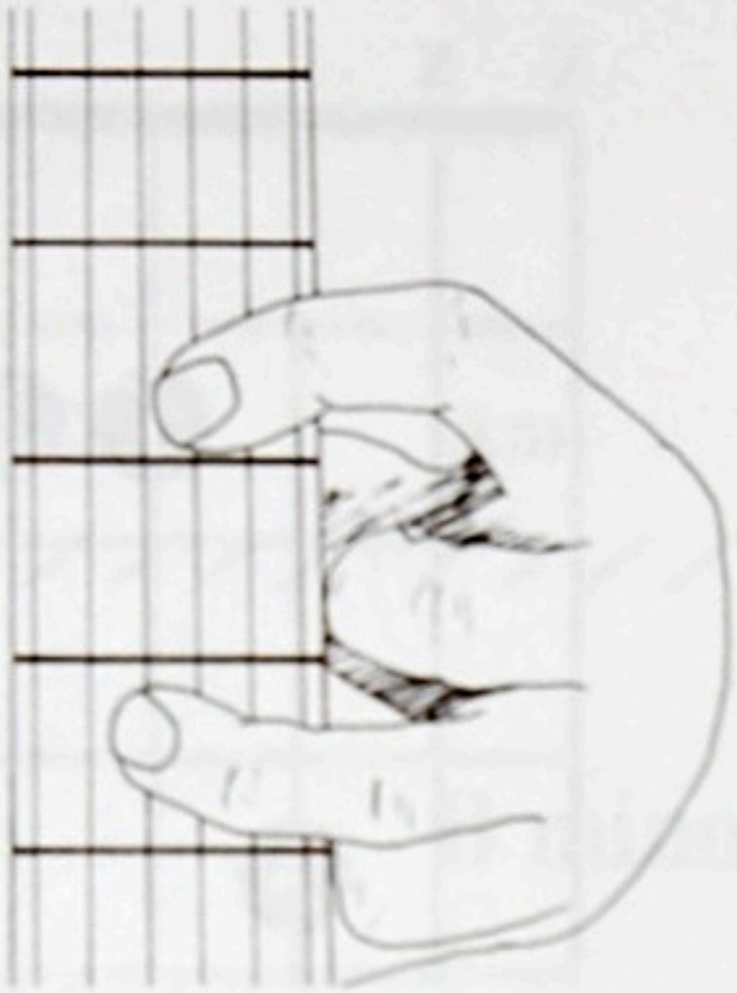


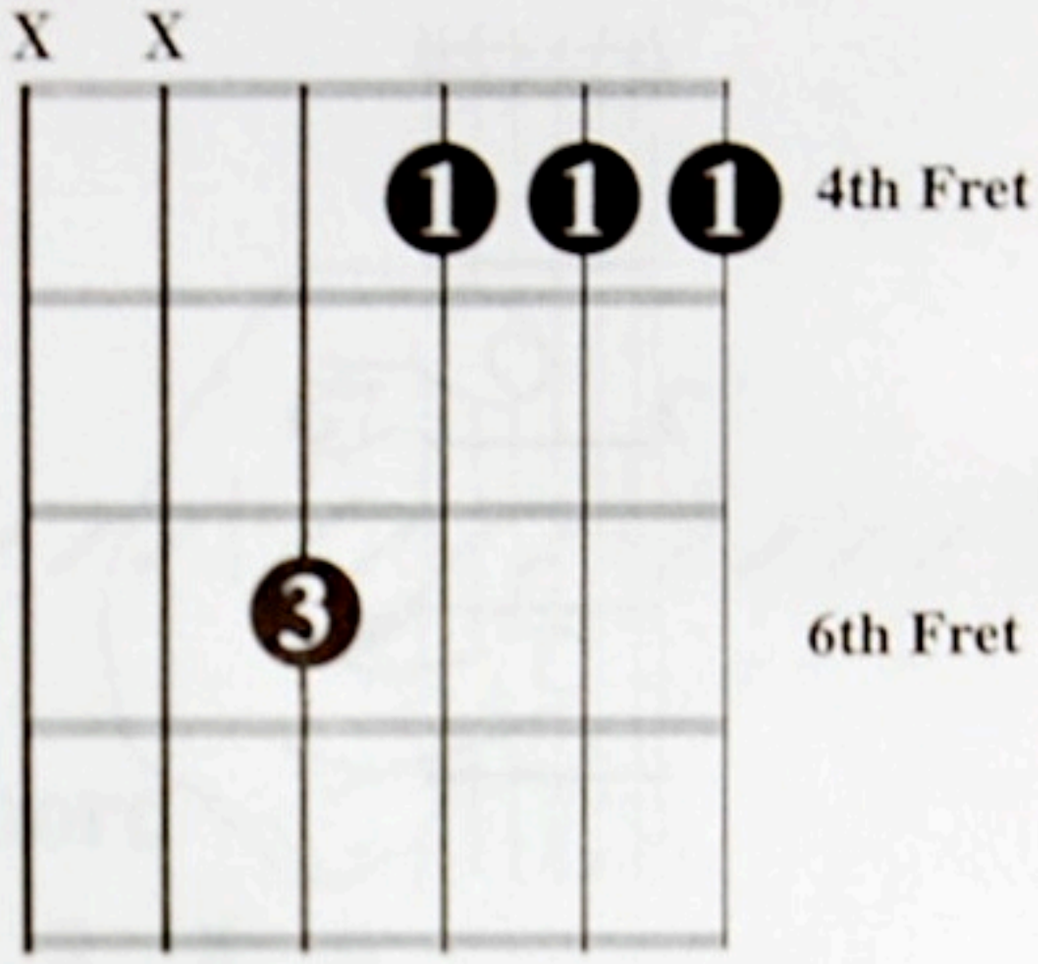


Key of A Chord Progression

A	C♯m	F♯m	Bm	E7	A
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

G♯ minor Chord (G♯m)

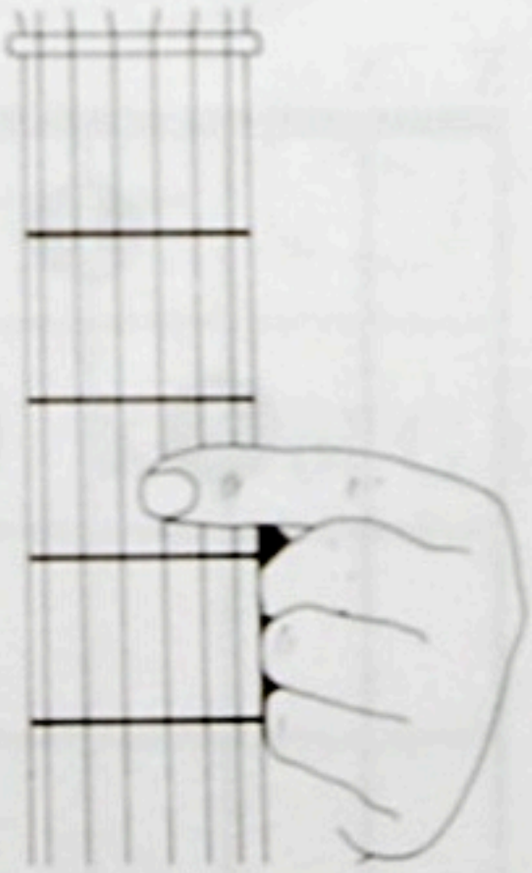


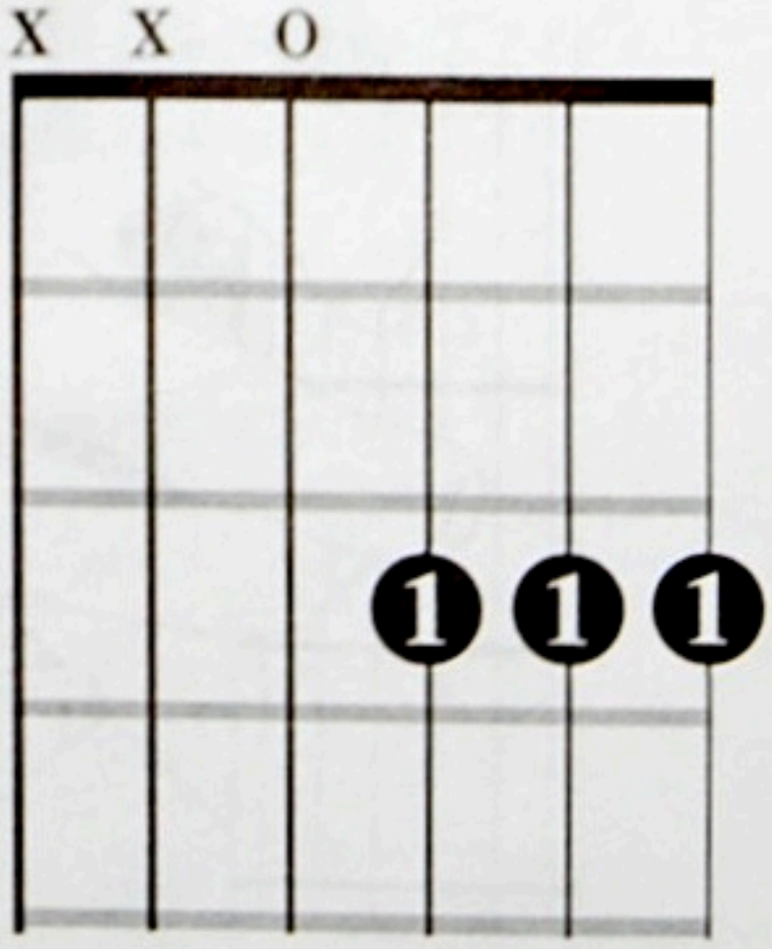


Key of E Chord Progression

E	G♯m	C♯m	F♯m	B7	E
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

G minor Chord



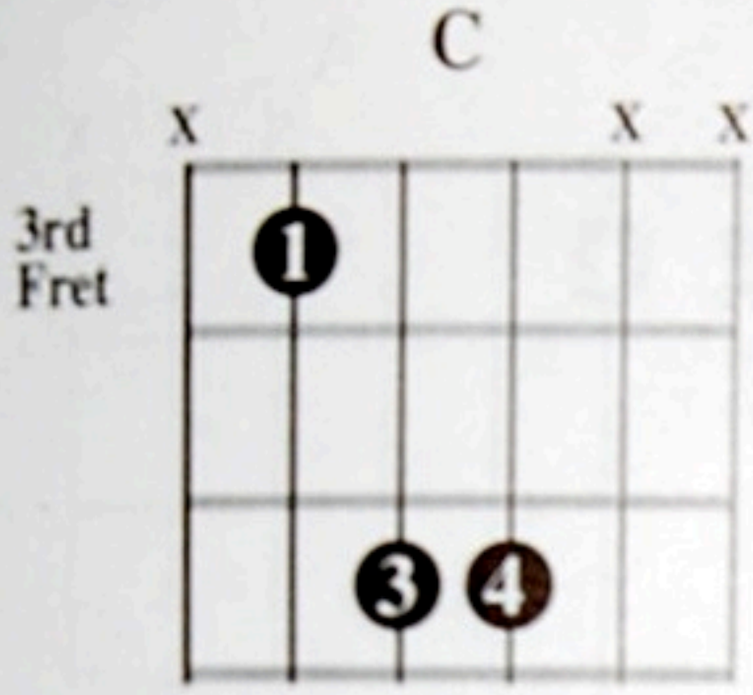


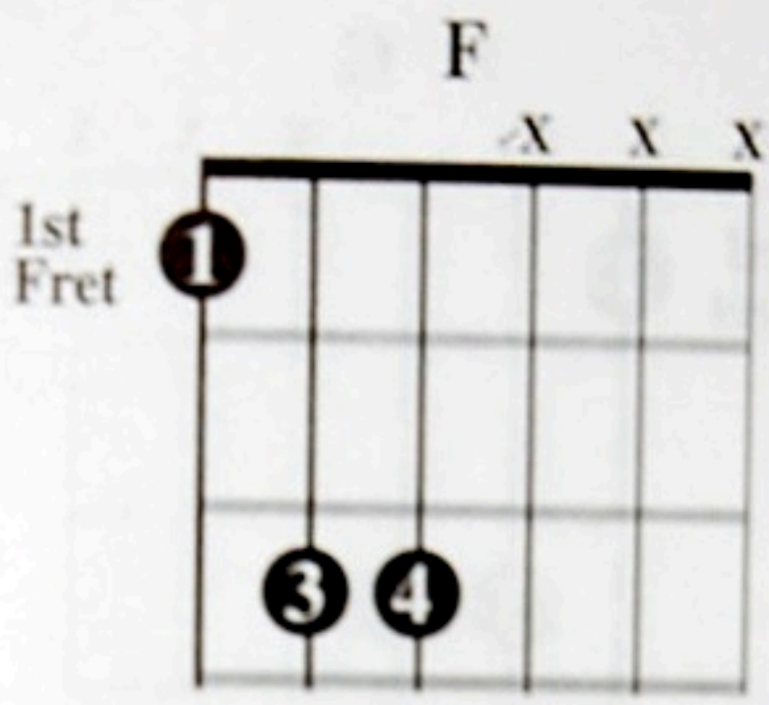
Key of F Chord Progression

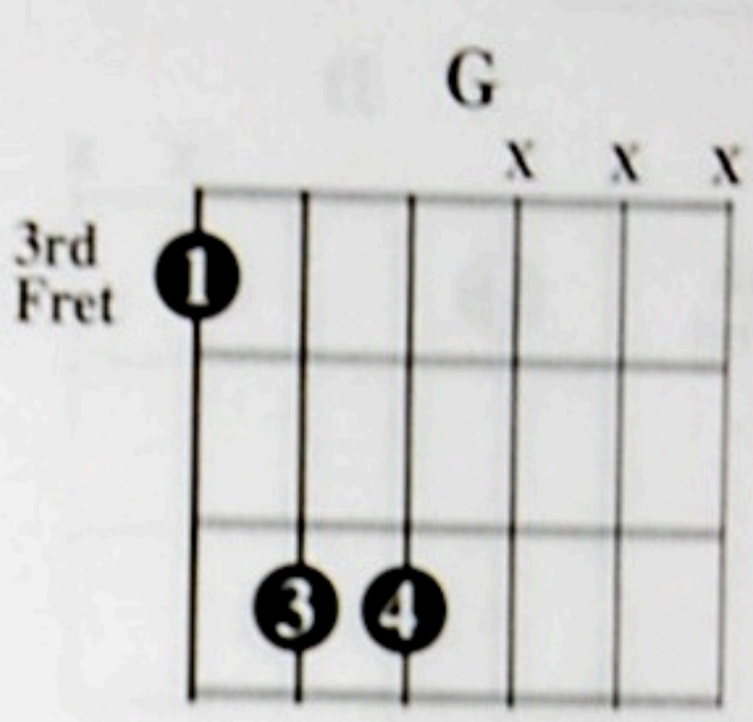
F	Am	Dm	Gm	C7	F
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Rock Power Chords

Key of C



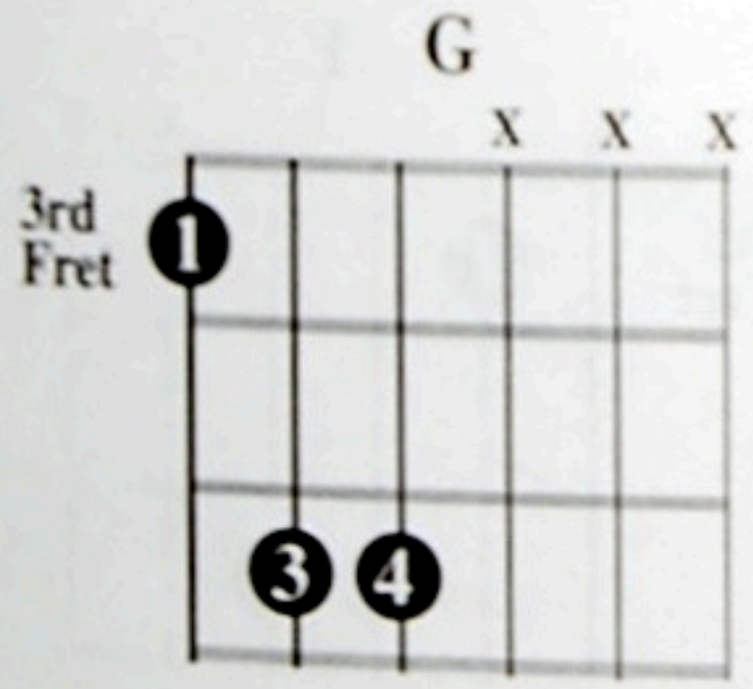


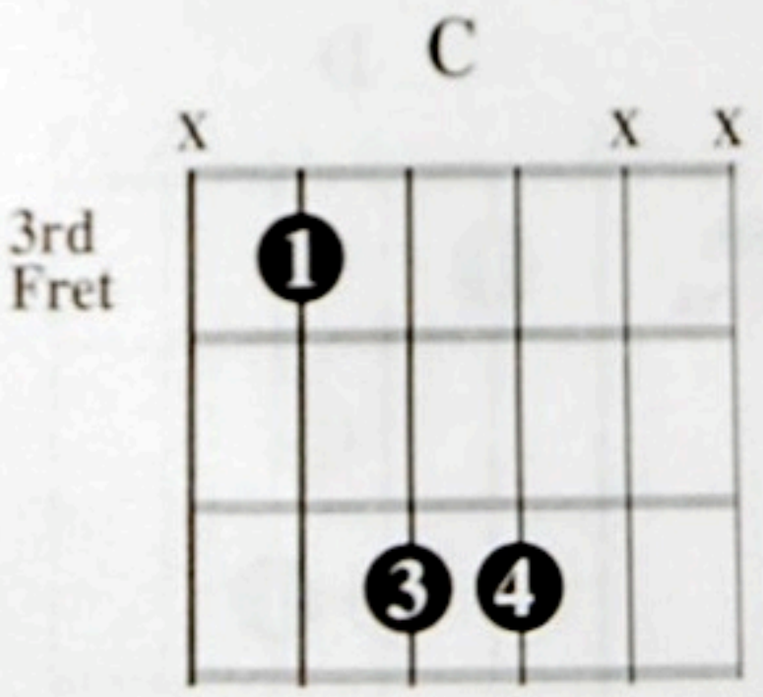


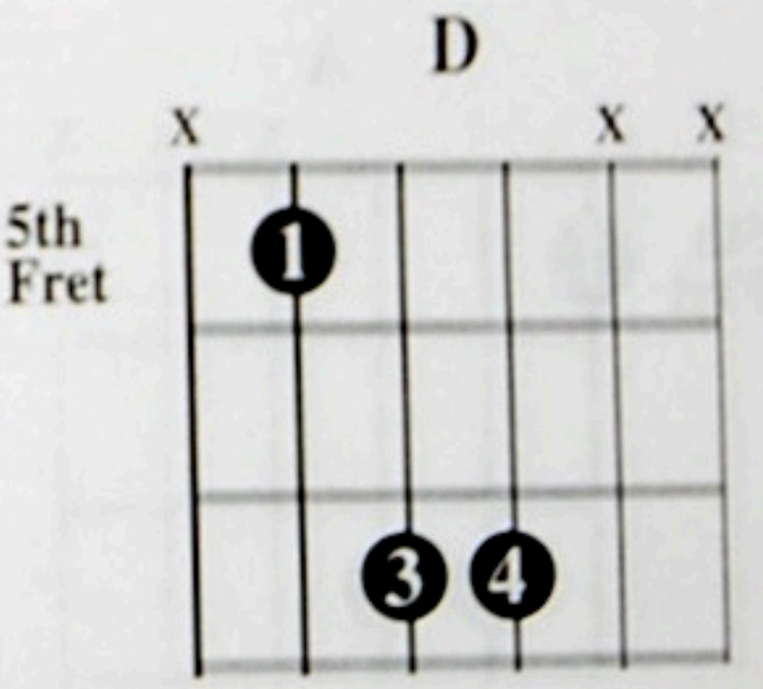
Play the following using Key of C Power Chords

C	C	F	F	G	G	C	C
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Key of G





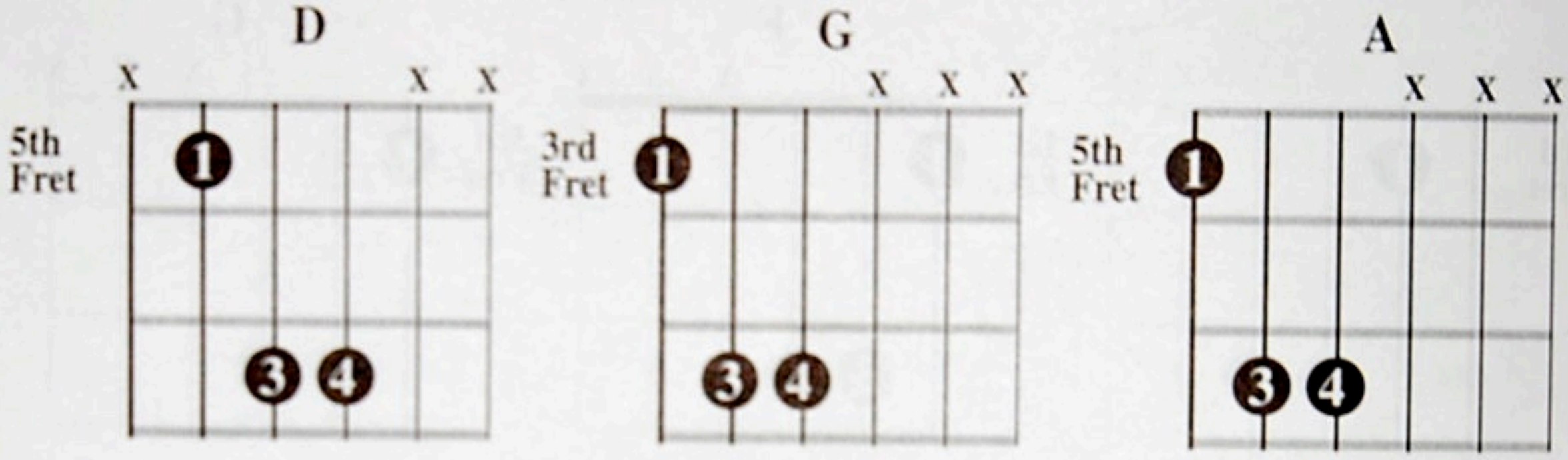


Play the following using Key of G Power Chords

G	G	C	C	D	D	G	G
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Rock Power Chords

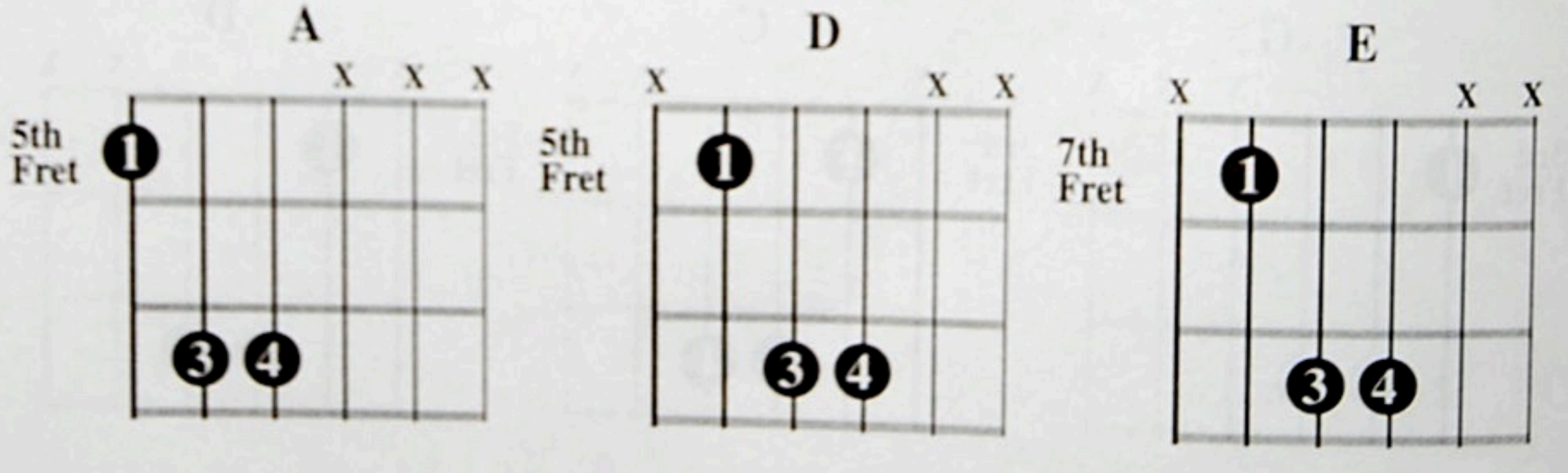
Key of D



Play the following using Key of D Power Chords

D	D	G	G	A	A	D	D
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Key of A



Play the following using Key of A Power Chords

A	A	D	D	E	E	A	A
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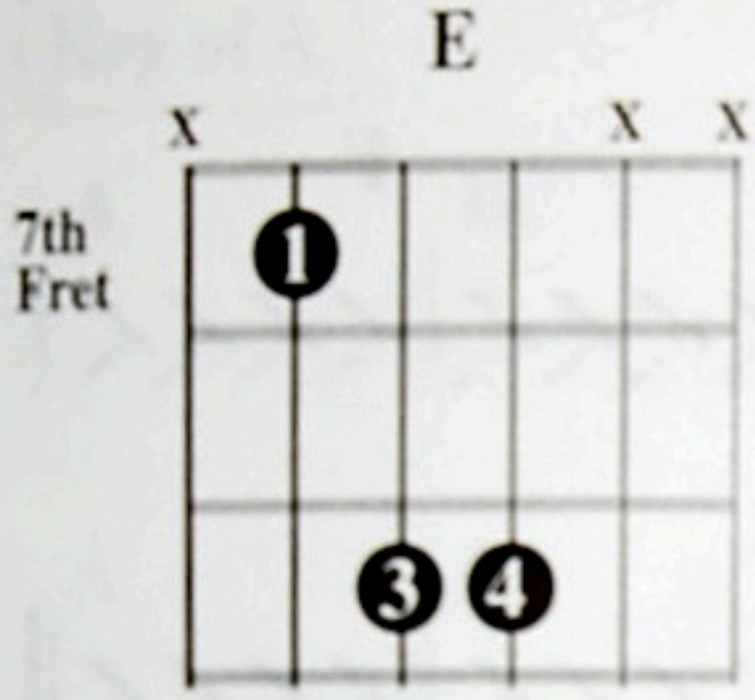
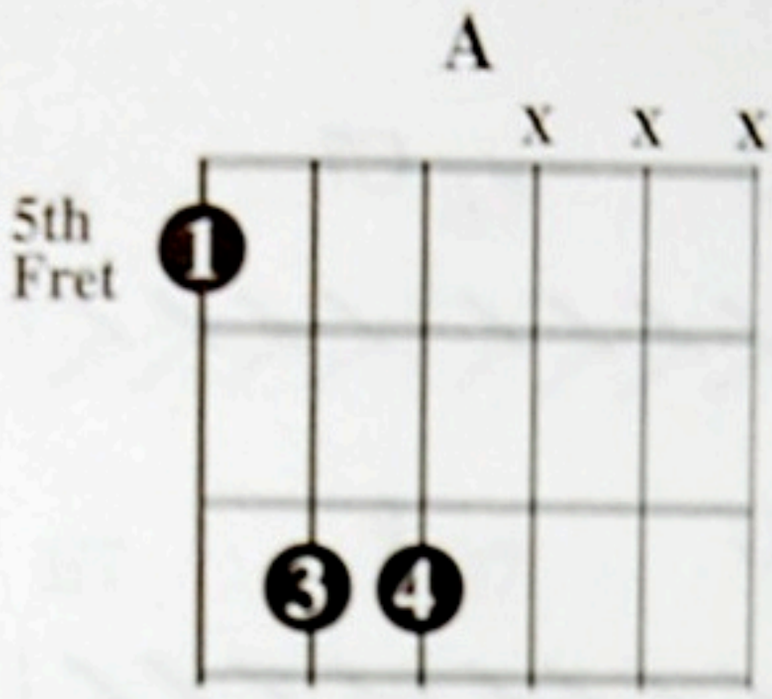
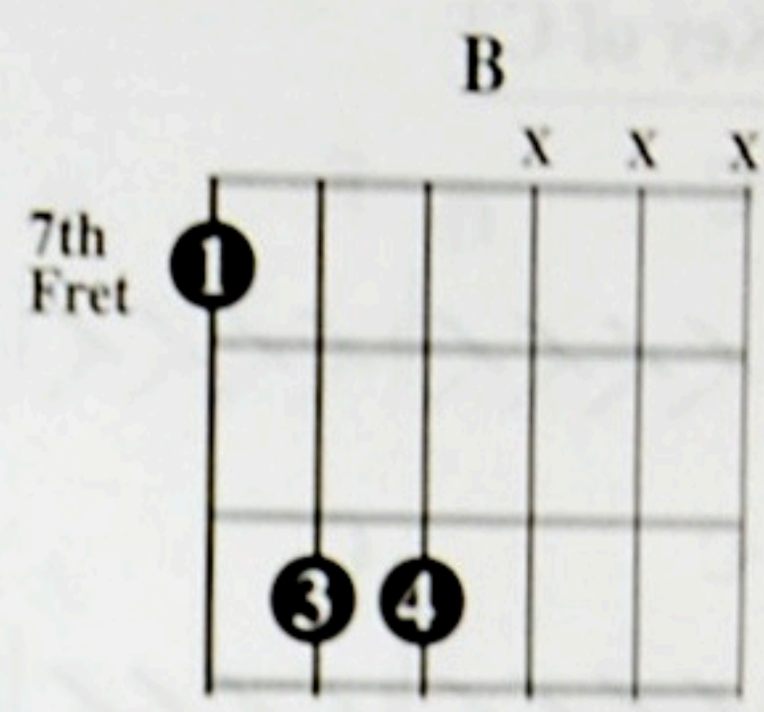
Rock Power Chords

Key of E



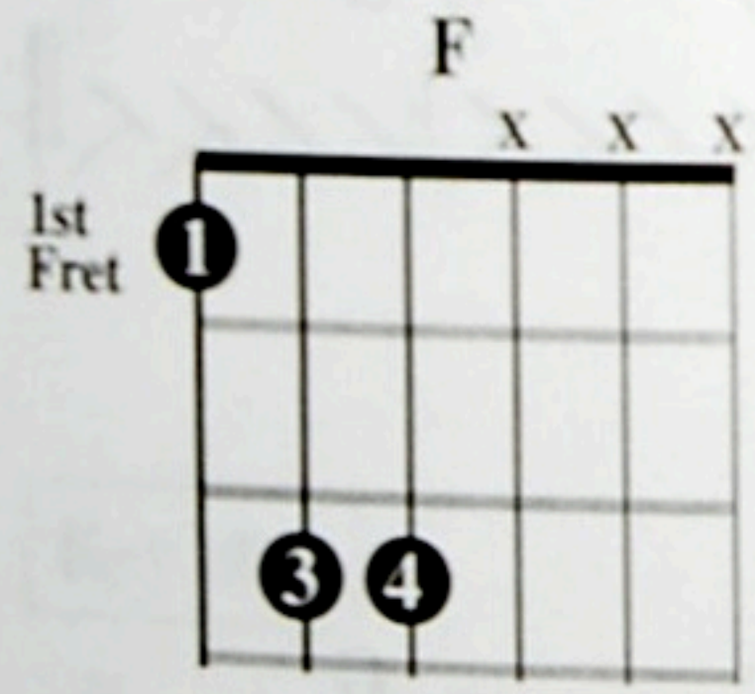


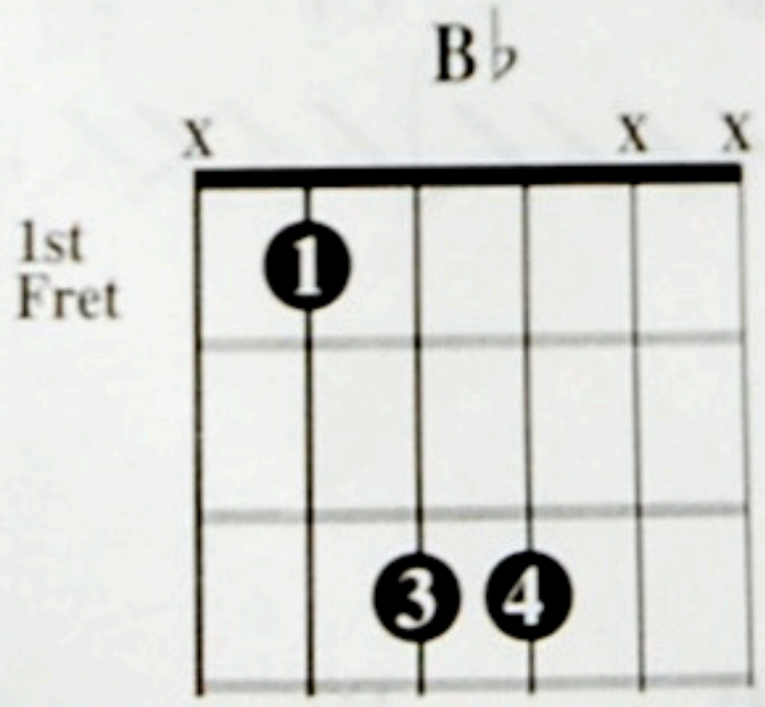


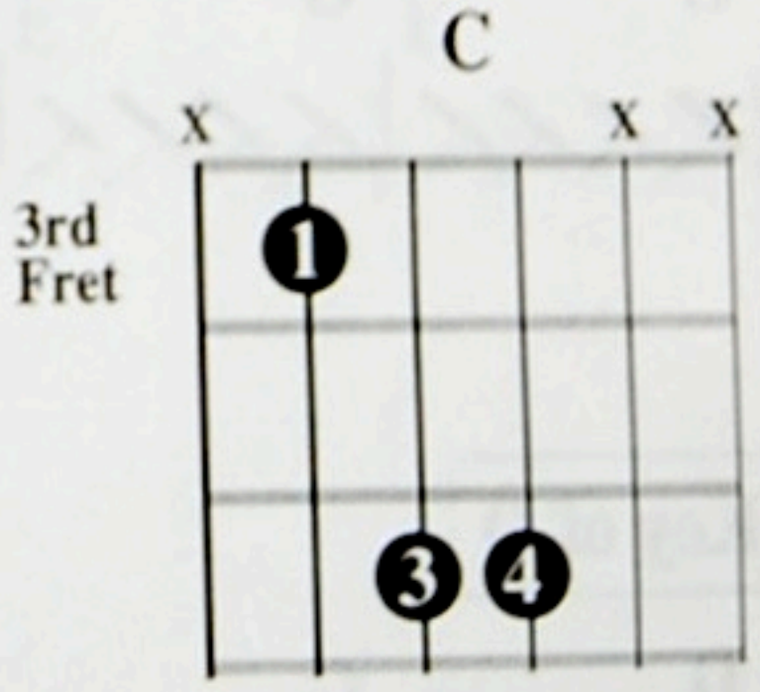
Play the following using Key of E Power Chords

E	E	A	A	B	B	E	E
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Key of F







Play the following using Key of F Power Chords

F	F	B♭	B♭	C	C	F	F
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Blues Progressions

Key of C

C	F	C	C7	F	F
C	C	G	F	C	C

Key of G

G	C	G	G7	C	C
G	G	D7	C7	G	G

Key of D

D	G	D	D7	G	G
D	D	A7	G7	D	D

Blues Progressions

Key of A

A	D	A	A7	D	D
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

A	A	E7	D7	A	A
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Key of E

E	A	E	E7	A	A
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

E	E	B7	A7	E	E
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

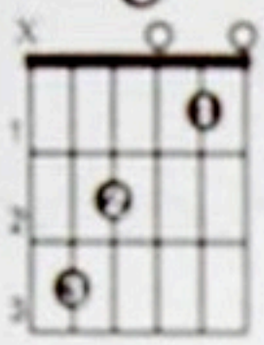
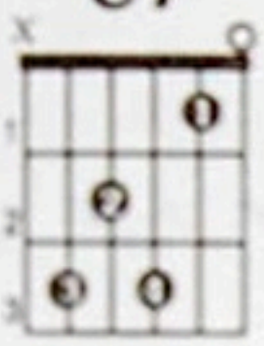
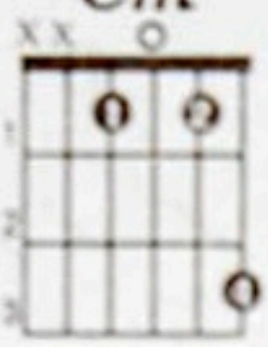
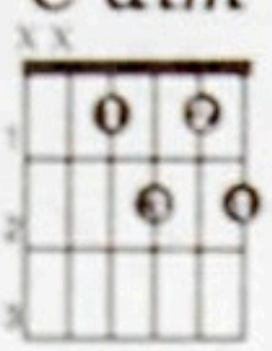
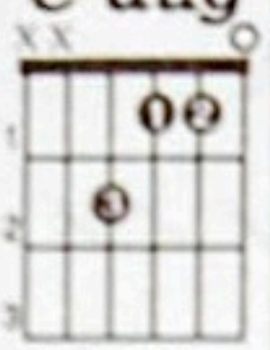
Key of F

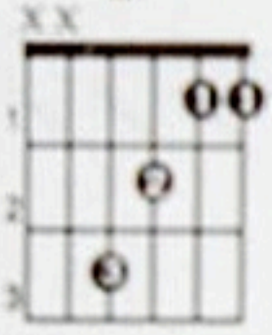
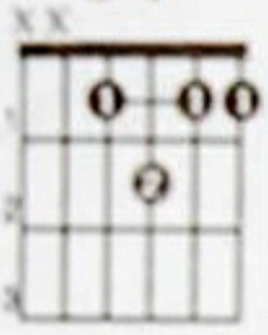
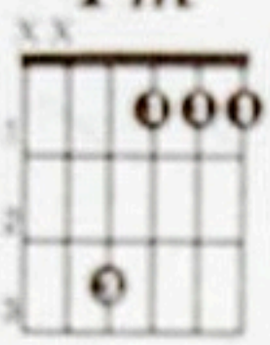
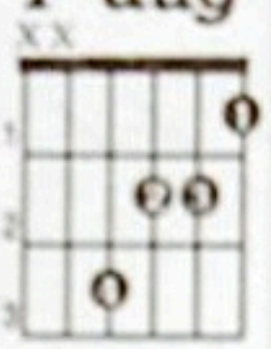
F	B♭	F	F	B♭	B♭
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

F	F	C7	B♭	F	F
𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎	𝄎

Chord

Major Key

C	C7	Cm	C dim	C aug
				

F	F7	Fm	F dim	F aug
				

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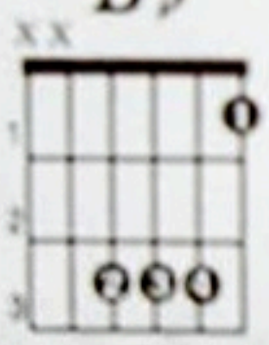	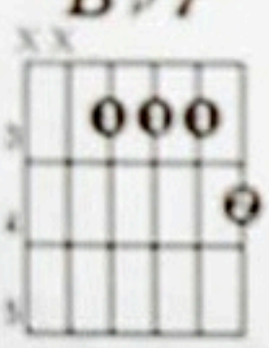	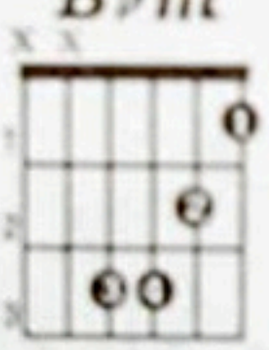	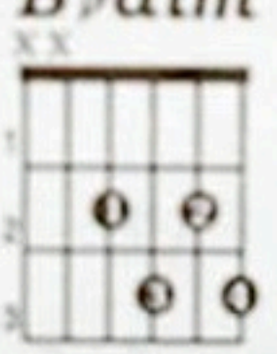	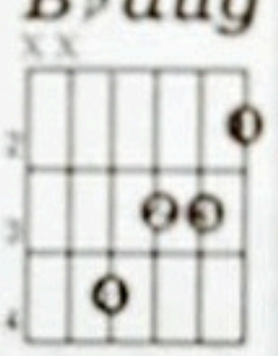

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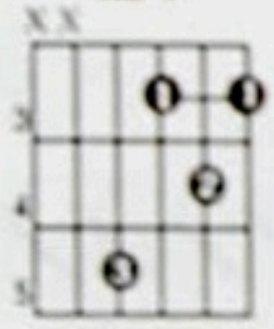	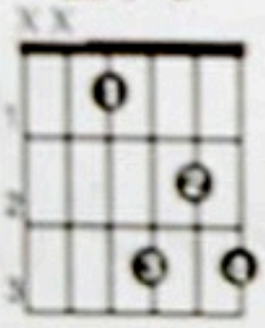	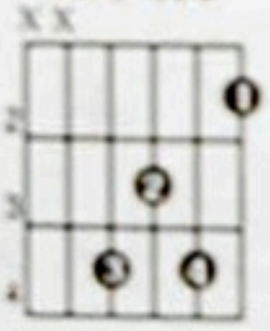	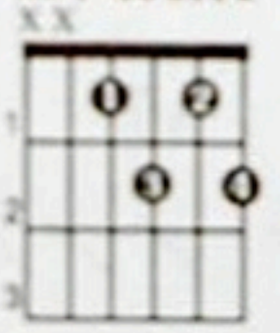	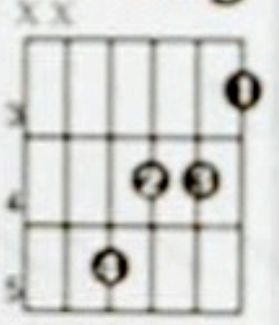

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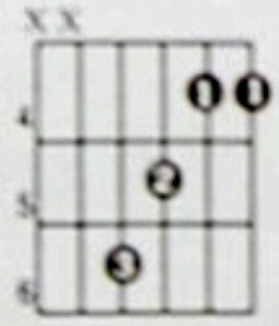	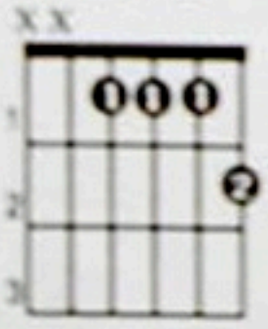	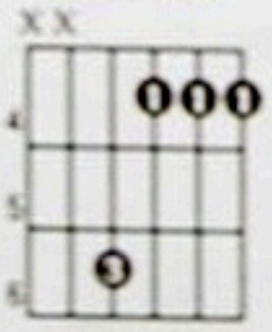	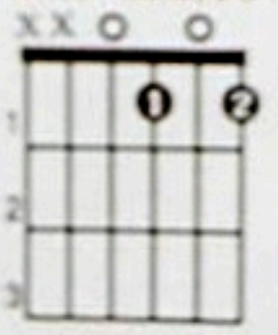	

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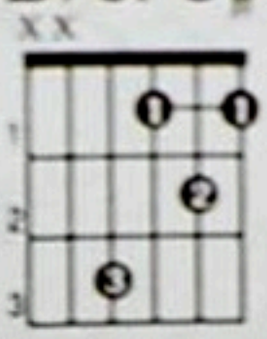	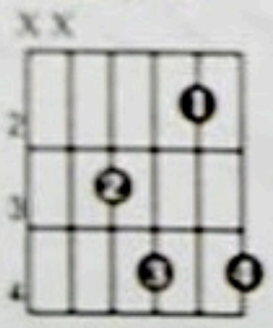	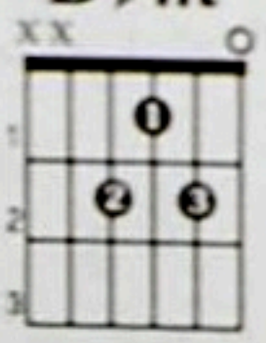	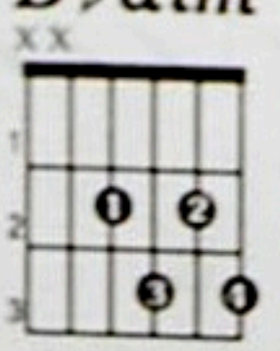	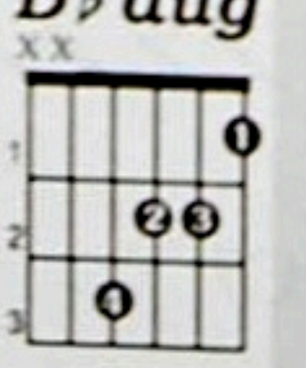

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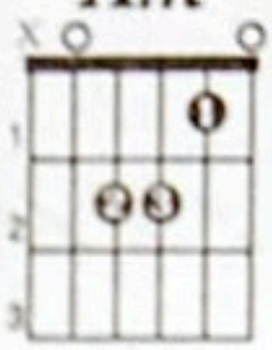	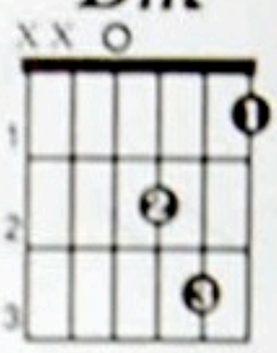	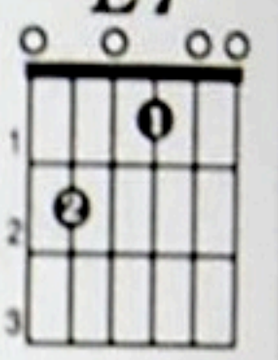

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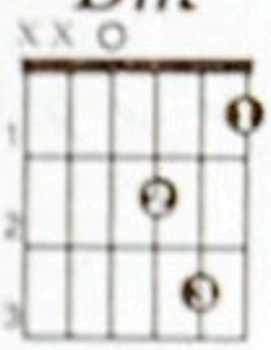	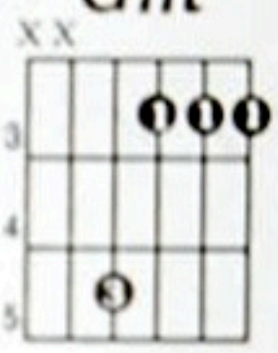	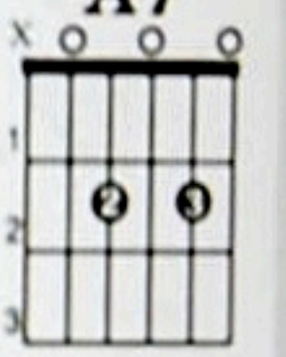

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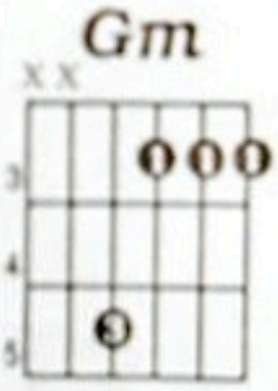	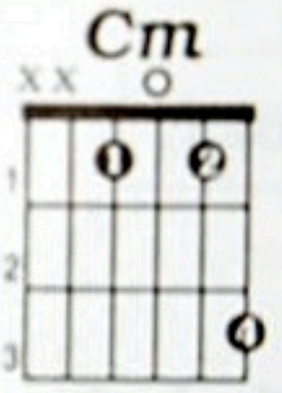	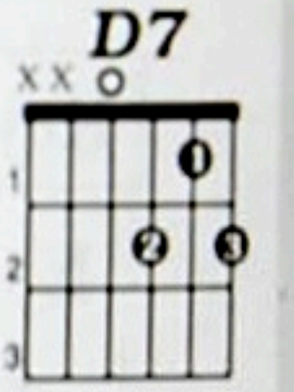

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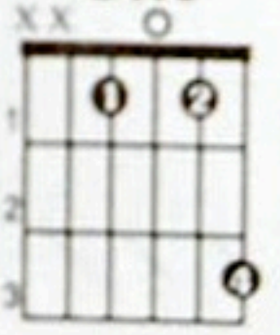	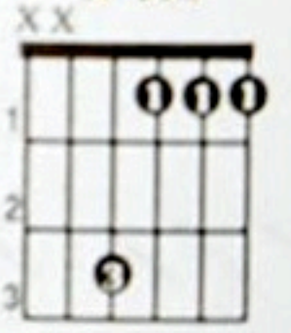	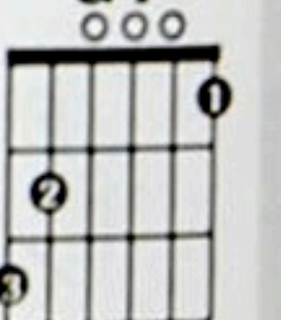

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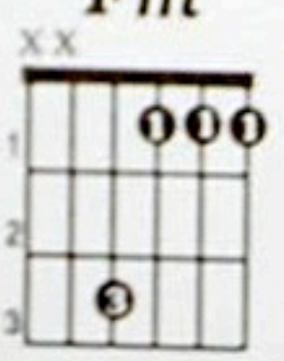	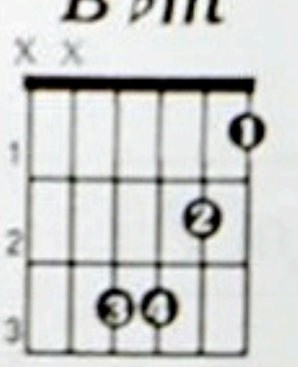	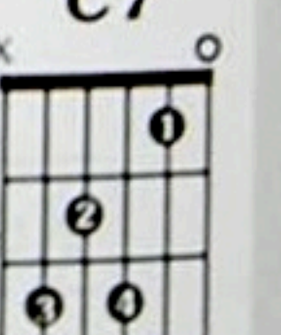

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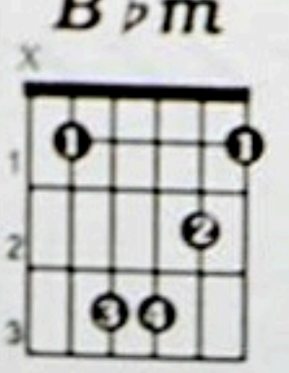	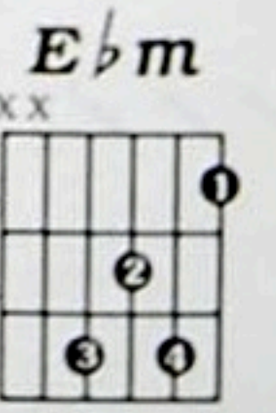	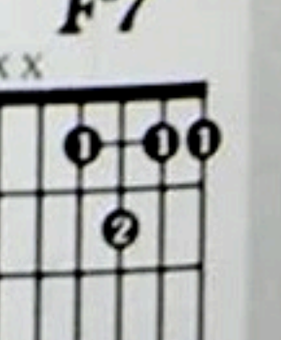

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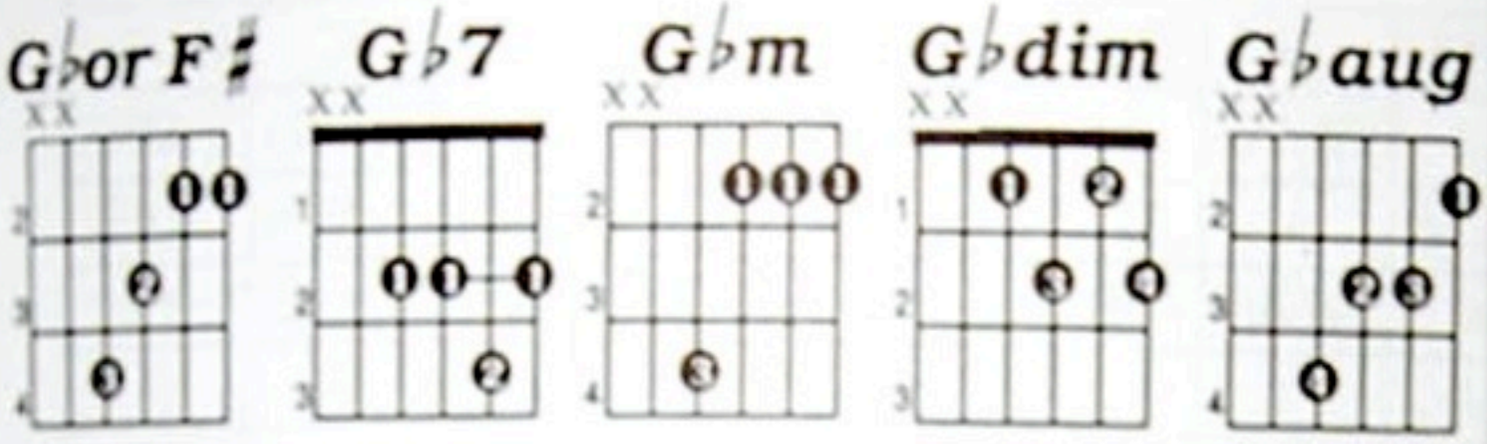

Capo Chart

Capo on — *Actual Sound of Chord*

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